

# WE ARE THE WORLD

WORDS AND MUSIC BY MICHAEL JACKSON & LIONEL RICHIE

**(KEY: E-F) ( 21 featured vocalists) (M/male F/Female)**

## LEAD VOICE TYPES

## ENSEMBLE

Lionel /Papi  
Richie

THERE COMES A TIME  
WHEN WE HEED A CERTAIN CALL

Stevie Wonder  
Lionel Richie / Papi

WHEN THE WORLD MUST  
COME TOGETHER AS ONE, (tenor/bari)

Stevie Wonder

THERE ARE PEOPLE DYING(baritone/Tenor)

Paul Simon

OH, WHEN IT'S TIME  
TO LEND A HAND TO LIFE (2<sup>nd</sup> tenor) (soft)

Paul Simon  
Kenny Rogers

THE GREATEST GIFT OF ALL (2<sup>nd</sup> tenor/false) (soft)

Kenny Rogers

WE CAN'T GO ON  
PRETENDING DAY BY DAY(Baritone/Tenor)

James Ingram

THAT SOMEONE, SOMEWHERE  
WILL SOON MAKE A CHANGE (Baritone)

Tina Turner

WE ARE ALL A PART OF  
GOD'S GREAT BIG FAMILY...(Alto)

Billy Joel

AND THE TRUTH,  
YOU KNOW LOVE IS ALL WE NEED (Alto/Baritone)

## CHORUS –

MJ soft

WE ARE THE WORLD,  
WE ARE THE CHILDREN  
WE ARE THE ONES TO MAKE  
A BRIGHTER DAY  
SO LET'S START GIVING

F/Diania Ross

THERE'S A CHOICE WE'RE MAKING,  
WE'RE SAVIN' OUR OWN LIVES

MJ+Diania Ross

IT'S TRUE WE MAKE A BETTER DAY,  
JUST YOU AND ME.

**VERSE #2**

**F/D.Warrick**

**WELL, SEND 'EM YOUR HEARTS  
SO THEY KNOW THAT SOMEONE CARES**

**B/D+Willie  
Nelson**

**AND THEIR LIVES WILL BE STRONGER AND FREE**

**M/Willie**

**AS GOD HAS SHOWN US BY TURNING STONES TO BREAD**

**2<sup>nd</sup> tenor  
Al jaroe**

**AND SO WE ALL MUST LEND A HELPING HAND.**

**CHORUS -**

**Bruce Spreinstein**

**WE ARE THE WORLD,  
WE ARE THE CHILDREN**

**Kenny loggins**

**WE ARE THE ONES TO MAKE  
A BRIGHTER DAY  
SO LET'S START GIVING**

**Steve Perry/1<sup>st</sup> tenor**

**THERE'S A CHOICE WE'RE MAKING,  
WE'RE SAVIN' OUR OWN LIVES**

**Darly Oaks**

**IT'S TRUE WE MAKE A BETTER DAY,  
JUST YOU AND ME.**

**VERSE#3**

**MJ/2<sup>nd</sup> tenor**

**WHEN YOU'RE DOWN AND OUT  
AND THERE SEEMS NO HOPE AT ALL**

**Huey Lewis  
Baritone/Tenor**

**IF WE JUST BELIEVE  
THERE'S NO WAY WE CAN FALL**

**Cindy Loper**

**WELL, WELL, WELL, LET US REALIZE,  
OH, THAT A CHANGE CAN ONLY COME**

**Huey Lewis/F**

**WHEN WE STAND TOGETHER AS ONE**

**F/Cindy Loper**

**YEAH, YEAH, YEAH, YEAH.**

**CHORUS - BACKGROUND SINGERS**

**WE ARE THE WORLD,  
WE ARE THE CHILDREN  
WE ARE THE ONES TO MAKE  
A BRIGHTER DAY**

**SO LET'S START GIVING**

**All girls**           **THERE'S A CHOICE WE'RE MAKING, (Chorus singing AAhh's)  
WE'RE SAVIN' OUR OWN LIVES  
IT'S TRUE WE MAKE A BETTER DAY  
JUST YOU AND ME.**

**(All)**                   **WE ARE THE WORLD,  
WE ARE THE CHILDREN  
WE ARE THE ONES TO MAKE  
A BRIGHTER DAY  
SO LET'S START GIVING**

**M/Bob Dylan**       **THERE'S A CHOICE WE'RE MAKING,  
WE'RE SAVIN' OUR OWN LIVES  
IT'S TRUE WE MAKE A BETTER DAY  
JUST YOU AND ME.**

**All singers/Answer**       **WE ARE THE WORLD,  
WE ARE THE CHILDREN  
WE ARE THE ONES TO MAKE  
A BRIGHTER DAY  
SO LET'S START GIVIN'**

**THERE'S A CHOICE WE'RE MAKING,  
WE'RE SAVIN' OUR OWN LIVES  
IT'S TRUE WE MAKE A BETTER DAY  
JUST YOU AND ME.**

**Ray Charles  
Answers**               **WE ARE THE WORLD,  
WE ARE THE CHILDREN  
WE ARE THE ONES TO MAKE  
A BRIGHTER DAY  
SO LET'S START GIVIN'**

**Ray Charles  
Sings**               **THERE'S A CHOICE WE'RE MAKING,  
WE'RE SAVIN' OUR OWN LIVES  
IT'S TRUE WE MAKE A BETTER DAY  
JUST YOU AND ME.**

**Stevie Wonder  
Bruce answers**

**WE ARE THE WORLD,  
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A BRIGHTER DAY  
SO LET'S START GIVIN'**

**Stevie sings**

**THERE'S A CHOICE WE'RE MAKING,  
WE'RE SAVIN' OUR OWN LIVES  
IT'S TRUE WE MAKE A BETTER DAY  
JUST YOU AND ME.**

**WE ARE THE WORLD,  
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WE ARE THE ONES TO MAKE  
A BRIGHTER DAY  
SO LET'S START GIVIN'**

**Bruce Sings**

**THERE'S A CHOICE WE'RE MAKING,  
WE'RE SAVIN' OUR OWN LIVES  
IT'S TRUE WE MAKE A BETTER DAY  
JUST YOU AND ME.**

**All Singers**

**WE ARE THE WORLD,  
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A BRIGHTER DAY  
SO LET'S START GIVIN'**

**THERE'S A CHOICE WE'RE MAKING,  
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**James Ingram**

**WE ARE THE WORLD,  
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A BRIGHTER DAY  
SO LET'S START GIVIN'**

**Ray Charles**

**THERE'S A CHOICE WE'RE MAKING,  
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**All Singers**

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