

This children's version of Obama's inauguration speech is intended to bring Obama's 'message of hope' alive - in our schools. There are 30 speakers plus narrator - this number easily adapted for a smaller number.

Narrator: And hands, previously scrunched up as fists, can reach out and join with others in friendship.

Child 12: And let's not forget the poor.

Child 13: They need food and clean water. And we shouldn't sit back, in our lucky abundance, and ignore the plight of those less fortunate than ourselves.

Child 14: Nor should we squander and abuse the world's resources. These are not limitless and we have to learn responsibility for our actions.

Child 15: And never should we forget those who sacrificed their lives for the sake of future generations.

Child 16: We honor those lying in their graves in Arlington.

Child 17: And we honor those in far off lands – facing great danger as we speak.

Child 18: We honor all these heroes –past and present.

Child 19: And their spirit of service.

Child 20: That's what Obama wants from all of us - the willingness to serve and make sacrifices if necessary.

Child 21: Courage and nurturing, saving lives and improving them – with both bravery and kindness.

Child 22: Hard work

Child 23: Honesty

Child 24: Courage