



America the great

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August 20, 2019, Abdi, as he walked in front of Apollo, a school named after Apollo 11, he asked America, who are you?

America responded, it is an irony that you asked, because most people have forgotten who I was to become. America continued:

I was to be the guesthouse, welcoming everyone for whom they would become.
I was to be that night-bloomer flower, beautiful, bright, unnoticed in the darkness of night.
I was to be that glory flower which unravels into full bloom vivid for the dreamer to see from far away.
I was to be the dream of the young, the old, men and women from every corner of the globe.
I am the same America that landed first man to the moon 50 years ago today, but who are you?

Abdi responded, my journey is similar to men, women and children who've travelled million miles seeking for you. He continued:

I am a young man who came to this country as a refugee seeking for a better life
I am an immigrant son whose father never had a chance to go to college and earn a degree
I am a hopeful member of society who is encouraged by the faith of a courageous and humble mother
The son of a mother who never went to school yet reminded me that education was the road to success.
I am a simple human seeking for your dream to cherish, but what happened to you?

America responded, what an irony of time to live, it is human greed that happened to me, but I am glad you asked. America continued:

My dream was to be the light, shining bright in the imagination of boys and girls playing in the dust of camps
My dream never changed, since the Apollo 11, but it's human greed wanting to alter that dream.
My dream will not live without the origin idea of the American dream, providing the best to all.
My dream will not survive the narrow-minded idea that it is for certain people as it will narrow the dream
My dream is the same dream that made Donald J Trump the president, despite many won't accept the reality.

Abdi interjected, America, don't think that you need to polish your heart to appear like a mirror in the world. He continued:

America, if you tell unborn child the glory and the beauty of the world, they won't understand its majesty.
America, I often get discouraged by the crisis appearing every moment on the television and in the news
America, you whisper into my heart, stop pondering over the strangeness of world and speak your truth.
America, you say don't be discouraged by the fear, uncertainty, struggle, divisions and distrust among you
America, you ask me to go ahead and share the story and bond we commonly share, but I am asking how?

America responded: Go tell the world I am that diamond hidden in the dust, and you are that bright light shrouded in the darkness.

America continued:

I am you and you are me, but even diamond is worthless if it still hidden in the dust
I am impatient of the circumstances as it will continue to divide amongst you more.
I am here to assure you that good times are still ahead, as bad times don't last forever

I am here to tell you don't let the fear of losing push you down and lose hope
I am here to let you know that the conditions are brought to test you to reach to your new heights.

Abdi interjected again, America, but I am scared and keep holding myself down waiting things to happen naturally.

He continued:

I keep hoping someone else will act, but I remind myself that we all have a responsibility.
I keep reminding myself that what brings a joy to the heart of all Americans brings success to mine.
I keep reminding myself about the endless hope for our country and wish for a bright future
I keep reminding myself that the success of all Americans brings hope and prosperity into my heart.
I keep hoping that change will come and bring hope, prosperity, harmony, unity and endless joy.

America responded: It is your fear of not seeking beyond, and you have to take action and share your perspective.

America continued:

You are the American dream and Donald J Trump is now your president.
You are optimism, harmony and prosperity will bring you joy

Abdi, thanked America and concluded:

America the great, promise me that you will remain to be that eagle that never stops,
America, I hope you bring joy to all and not just to some, no matter where they come from