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Yes We Can Can

For SAB* and Piano with Optional Instrumental Accompaniment

Duration: ca. 3:20

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Two-beat swing (♩ = ca. 88)

Piano

f

G^b D^b A^b E^b F

G^b D^b A^b E^b

B^b/C C7([#]9/_b13) C7(_b13) 9 F

E^b/F B^b/C

F E^b/F B^b/C

*Available separately:
SATB, SAB, SSA, ShowTrax CD
Combo parts available digitally
(tpt1, tpt2, tsx, tbn, gtr, b, dm)
halleonard.com/choral



17 Unis. *mf*

Sop.

Alto Now's the time — for all — good men — to get to - geth-er with one an-oth-

Bar. *mf*

F

17

- er. We got to iron out our prob - lems and iron — out our quar - rels and

Gm/C F

20

25

try to live — as broth - ers. And try to find —

B^b/C F

23

peace of mind — with-out step-pin' on one an - oth - er. And

Gm/C

26

do re - spect the wom - en of the world. Re - mem-ber you all — have moth -

Unis.

F B^b/C F Gm F

29

33

mel.

- ers. We got - ta make this land a bet - ter land than the

Gm/C

32

Unis.

world in which we live. And we got - ta help each man be a

F Gm/F F

35

bet - ter man with the kind - ness that we give.

Gm/F F Bb/C

38

41

I know we can make it. I know darn well

F Eb/F Bb/F F Eb/F Bb/F F

41

Unis.

— we can work it out.— Oh, yes, we can. I know we can, can. Yes, we can,

Gm/F F Bb/C

44

Unis.

can. Uh, why can't we? If we wan-na, yes, we can, can. Opt. Solo

I know we can make

F Bb/F F

47

— it work. I know we can make it if we try.—

Bb/F F Gm/C

50



All

Oh yes, we can. I know we can, can. Yes, we can. Uh, yes, we

F

53

57

can. I know we can, can.

G^b D^b A^b E^b F

56

1st time: keep going >>>

2nd time skip to Coda top of p. 9

F G^b D^b A^b E^b B^b/C C7(^{#9}/_{b13})

60

65

mf Unis.

And we got - ta take care of all the chil - dren, the lit - tle

64

F7 Cm7 Bb/F

mf

chil - dren of the world. 'Cause they're our strong - est hope

67

F Gm/C F

<< Go back to p. 4 measure 33

Unis.

for the fu - ture, the lit - tle bit - ty boys and girls. We got to

70

Gm/F Ab/A Gm/Bb Bb/C

⊕ CODA

74 Three times total, enter as numbered, opt. Sop. 8va last time

①
②
③ I know — we can make it.

⊕ CODA

Cm7 F7 Fm7 Gm/F F

Play right hand 3rd time only. Include cued note 2nd and 3rd times only.

73

grad. cresc.

Yes, we can! — I know — we can

grad. cresc.

E^b F Fm7 Gm/F

grad. cresc.

76

1, 2

make it. Yes, we can! —

F N.C. 1, 2

79

3 84

Yes, we can! — I know — we can

3 Fm7 F Eb F/Eb Eb

82

grad. cresc.

make it.

grad. cresc.

grad. cresc.

F/Eb Eb F/Eb Eb

85

I know — we can make it.

Gb Ab/Gb Gb Ab/Gb Gb Gm7 Bb/C

88

Yes, we can! —

91

E^b F

Yes, we can! —

div. *f*

Yes, we can! —

f

94

A^b B^b F²(no3) F

97

A^b E^b Cm⁷ F F²

Yes We Can (can)

[16 bar intro ♪]

Now's the time for all good men to get together with one another
We've got to iron out our problems and iron out our quarrels and
try to live as brothers.

And try to find peace of mind without steppin' on one another!

And do respect the women of the world

Remember you all have mothers!

(measure 33 bottom of page 4)

We got to [S] make this land a better land than the world in which we live –

*And we got-ta help each man be a better man
with the kindness that we give.*

I know we can make it!

I know darn well we can work it out

Oh yes we can I know we can-can Yes we can-can Uh why can't
we? If we wanna, yes we can-can!

I know we can make it work

I know we can make it if we try

Oh yes we can I know we can-can Yes we can

Uh yes we can I know we can-can!

[7 bars ♪] *(2nd time – skip to Coda top of p. 9)*

And we gotta take care of all the children,
the little children of the world

Cause they're our strongest hope for the future

the little bitty boys and girls ! We got to *(Go back to [S])*

[Coda] Repeats 3x: 1. soprano 2. alto 3. baritone then go on to p. 10

I know we can make it Yes, we can!

I know we can make it Yes, we can! ♪

[p. 10]

Yes, we can! ♪ I know we can make it ♪♪ I know we can make it ♪♪

Yes, we can! ♪ Yes, we can! ♪ Yes, we can! ♪ Yes, we can! ♪♪

