

Speech Notes by Robert Powell

Welcome

Hello welcome to the rally of rally's.
... [speak to the crowd]

Past

So who am I,
As a child growing up in the projects, I've lost friends to drugs, lost friends,
and family to AIDS, To senseless violence...
As a teen, tired of the fear, tired of the senselessness of it all
I got involved to...help the homeless, help the elderly, help those in fear,
Empowering those needing strength ...
By teaching people to defend themselves and others,
By teaching people to help and teach others...

And things got better...
The rainbow coalition began...
Gang violence decreased...
Access to higher learning was elevated.

Present

And now here we are....
The fear has returned.... The hatred is all around us.
Solid communities broken...
All to gain in what.....
Power ??
Money???
Classism ??
WHY, Why... why...

Why are you here today... Look to your left... Look to your right
And grab a hand in solidarity these are the people you need.

Future

Because...
What has happened to what we've built...

"Bring me you sick
Your hungry
Your poor"
This is the American dream...

And we must fight for it.
This is how she was founded / her ideology
and it's what makes America great.

But now there is a large group of Americans
Who
Don't want the sick
Don't want the hungry
Don't want the poor

What do you think about that ??

Ask yourself why we are in this situation.
Are they the sick?
Are they the poor?
Are they the hungry....?

These are the people that truly need our help

I challenge each one of you with a task...
Find one person...that needs support ... and simply be you...

Only through love do we conquer hate