

Barack Obama is an inspiration to many of the writers who took part in the project.

One of our workshops happened to fall on Tuesday 20th January 2009, the day of his inauguration. These rap lines were written some time before, and that day we talked a lot in the group about hope for the future, and George Bush and 'the New President' found their way in.

Inauguration Day, 20th Jan 2009

All my life I've seen Bush's murder and poverty on the news
It has all left me empty and mentally bruised
You think I'm obsessing try to live in Muslim shoes
Now will there be a change - you choose

Mr Obama, are we still heading towards failure and doom
Or will we see a better day, and whom
Will make a change, for those who may be dead soon,
Still stuck in cages in the same room.

My brother keeps my head up with his weekly letter
I'll send him these lines about a change for the better
And I'll pray to God every day and will he listen?
I wonder if he does, will I still be in prison

I can't be the only one who sees another mother cry
And can't get this film out of my eyes
Go to a Third World place – we'll make a change if we try
I put my hope in a New President, I can't deny.