[Lionel Richie]:

E
There comes a time
          A/E   H/E   E
when we heed a certain call

[Lionel Richie & Stevie Wonder]:

            A
When the world
    H7   E   A/E   E
must come together as one

[Stevie Wonder]:

               C#m
There are people dying

[Paul Simon]:

          G#m   F#m7
And it's time to lend a hand to life

[Paul Simon & Kenny Rogers]:

      F#m7/A   Hsus4   H
The greatest gift of all

[Kenny Rogers]:

E
We can't go on
     A/E   H/E   E
Pretending day by day

[James Ingram]:

            A
That someone,
    H7   E   A/E   E
somewhere will soon make a change

[Tina Turner]:

             C#m
We are all a part of
         G#m
God's great big family
        F#m   F#m7/A   Hsus4   H

[Billy Joel]:

And the truth, you know, Love is all we need

          A   H

[Michael Jackson]:

We are the world
       E   A/E   E
We are the children
       A
We are the ones
                   H
Who makes a brighter day
          E   A/E   E
So let's start giving

[Diana Ross]:

            C#m
There's a choice we're making
         G#m
We're saving our own lives
    F#m7   A/H

[Michael Jackson & Diana Ross]:

It's true we make a better day
          E
Just you and me

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E        A/E      H/E      F#m/E    E
E        A/E      H/E      F#m/E    E
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[Dionne Warwick]:
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E
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Send them your heart
```
            A/E          H/E           E
```
So they'll know that someone cares

[Dionne Warwick &
Willie Nelson]:
```
              A
```
And their lives
```
    H7                  E        A/E   E
```
Will be stronger and free

[Willie Nelson]:
```
        C#m
```
As God has shown us
```
        G#m
```
By turning stones to bread

[Al Jarreau]:
```
        F#m        F#m7/A            Hsus4        H
```
So we all must lend a helping hand

[Bruce Springsteen]:
```
            A          H
```
We are the world
```
            E             A/E    E
```
We are the children

[Kenny Loggins]:
```
            A
```
We are the ones
```
                        H
```
Who makes a brighter day
```
                E        A/E    E
```
So let's start giving

[Steve Perry]:
```
            C#m
```
There's a choice we're making
```
            G#m
```
We're saving our own lives
```
    F#m7                      A/H
```
[Daryll Hall]:
It's true we make a better day
```
                E
```
Just you and me

[Michael Jackson]:
```
            C
```
When you're down and out,
```
        D                  E
```
There seems no hope at all

[Huey Lewis]:
```
            C
```
But if you just believe
```
        D              E
```
There's no way we can fall

[Cyndi Lauper]:
                                          C#m
Well, well, well, well, let us realize
              G#m
That a change can only come
      F#m   F#m/A   Hsus4   H

[Kim Carnes & Huey Lewis]:
When we stand together as one

[Chorus]:
                A   H
We are the world
                E   A/E   E
We are the children
                A
We are the ones
                            H
Who makes a brighter day
                E   A/E   E
So let's start giving
             C#m
There's a choice we're making
             G#m
We're saving our own lives
      F#m7   A/H
It's true we make a better day
              E
Just you and me

[Chorus]:
                A   H
We are the world
                E   A/E   E
We are the children
                A
We are the ones
                            H
Who makes a brighter day
                E   A/E   E
So let's start giving
             C#m

[Bob Dylan]:
There's a choice we're making
             G#m
We're saving our own lives
      F#m7   A/H
It's true we make a better day
              E
Just you and me

[Chorus]:

       A   H
We are the world
    E   A/E   E
We are the children
    A
We are the ones
         H
Who makes a brighter day
     E   A/E   E
So let's start giving
      C#m
There's a choice we're making
    G#m
We're saving our own lives
   F#m7   A/H
It's true we make a better day
      E
Just you and me

[Chorus & Ray Charles]:   Refr. x1

[Stevie Wonder & Bruce Springsteen]:   Refr. x2

[Chorus]:   Refr. x1

[Chorus, James Ingram & Ray Charles]:   Refr. x1

[Chorus & Ray Charles]:   Refr. x1

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[We Are the World" is a song and charity single recorded by the supergroup USA for Africa. It was written by Michael Jackson and Lionel Richie, and co-produced by Quincy Jones and Michael Omartian for the 1985 album of the same name. The idea for the creation of a benefit single for African famine relief had initially come from activist Harry Belafonte, who, along with fundraiser Ken Kragen, was instrumental in bringing the vision to reality. Several musicians were contacted by the pair, before Jackson and Richie were assigned the task of writing the song. Following several months of working together, the duo completed the writing of "We Are the World" one night before the anthem's first recording session, in early 1985. The last recording session for the song was held on January 28, 1985. The historic event brought together some of the biggest artists in the music industry at the time.

Chorus: All soloists, Dan Aykroyd, Harry Belafonte, Lindsey Buckingham, Mario Cipollina, Johnny Colla, Sheila E., Bob Geldof, Bill Gibson, Chris Hayes, Sean Hopper, Jackie Jackson, La Toya Jackson, Marlon Jackson, Randy Jackson, Tito Jackson, Waylon Jennings, Bette Midler, John Oates, Jeffrey Osborne, Anita Pointer, Ruth Pointer, Dragos Popa, Smokey Robinson.

Conductor: Quincy Jones
Recorded: January 28, 1985
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Producer: Quincy Jones and Michael Omartian]*