

# Our Generation (The Hope of the World) [Live]

## John Legend & The Roots

[\*\* feat. CL Smooth:]

[John Legend:]

Hope of the world is in our generation (let's straighten it out)\*

It's all left up to us, to change this present situation (let's straighten it out)

Take caution from our elders, don't make the same mistake (let's straighten it out)

Let's fill the world with love, and get rid of all the hate  
Our elders taught us one thing but,  
practice another

Just look what happened to the Indian and the brother

(Straighten it out!) {3x} Hope of the world is in our generation (let's straighten it out)

It's all left up to us, to change this present situation (let's straighten it out)

Our leaders make us fight, and we don't know what for (let's straighten it out)

If they want people killed, let them fight the war!  
It's gotta end somewhere, this killing's got to  
cease

If no one were to fight, we'd all live in peace  
Our generation (let's straighten it out)

It's all left up to us (let's straighten it out)

Our generation (let's straighten it out)

Let's do just what we must

And straighten it out! (Straighten it out)

Gotta straighten it out! (Straighten it out)

Straighten it out! (Straighten it out)

Yeahhh we gon' straighten it out, yeahh!

[CL Smooth]

As long as there's a you, there's a better me

It's why we're together and stronger than they ever thought it could be

A world motherless - can health care cover this?

A love for all people no matter what the culture is

Our generation, is makin huge strides

A self-empowering movement that's on the rise

The more the door is open, the more the youth can see

a fair chance means a greater opportunity

To have a brighter future, deeper insight

Work hard to be anything you want in life

It's what it's all about, the longevity

Educated enough to know what's ahead of me

Need to straighten it out, seek and you'll find

they can cage your body, but not your mind

We lay it all on the line in the struggle

We grew, but together here's what we gotta do [John Legend]

Our generation (let's straighten it out)

It's all left up to us (let's straighten it out)

Our generation (let's straighten it out)  
Let's do just what we must, and straighten it out! [JL with background singers]  
Our generation - straighten it out!  
Let's straighten it out - and straighten it out!  
Heyyyyyyyyy we can straighten it out, YEAHHH!  
C'mon yeah! Our generation - let's straighten it out  
Hey hey, we'll straighten it out  
We'll straighten it out - straighten it out  
New York City, better straighten it out  
Atlanta, better straighten it out  
In Los Angeles, you better straighten it out  
We can straighten it out, we can straighten it out  
[fades out]

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