

Our Future Lancaster

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We are like the quiltwork of the Amish
Many colorful pieces sewn with the
intentionality of togetherness
Each piece of us standing out
Stand back and view Lancaster's beautiful
display
May we sow seeds of understanding which
harvest in our future's garden
Exhibiting the art filled guide through a diverse
bouquet
Let our differences be the flowers crocheted in
the fabric of our tomorrow
Let our home find strength in our sorrows
The impact of our planning, reaching pinnacles
the heights of the Killaminjaro

Spanning cities far and wide
Familiarize yourself with the plight in your
neighbor's eye
Let our future be the wind left behind in Barney
Ewell's stride
We are in this race together
We must hear the song of the Conestoga's cries
The success of our purpose shall be more than a
glistening prize to the tourist's eyes
We cannot grow under the guise of togetherness
Unity realizes some have been left behind

So this time

We lift our voices

We build champions from our challenges
We make transformation from inequitable
imbalances
Without fear of old norms we move forward full
throttle
I imagine Lancaster being the model
Of an embrace of home
A place that people of all walks of life never feel
alone
Where the artist paints the story of the
foundation of which we've grown
The voice and needs of the people are enthroned
May our small businesses be the economic tone
Of reaping the harvest of the seeds the
community has sewn
Acknowledge inclusivity requires
accountability
Our rise requires responsibility
From the non-profits mobility to the advocates
strength and agility
We know the beauty of the red rose is knowing
the concrete's fertility and durability
Bringing visibility to the nourishment in the
indigenous hands
And ability to bring humility to the continued
growth of a stolen land
Our Future Lancaster
Is not only an affirmation but command
From Cunningham's to Watt and Shand
We are more than just a brand
Our future takes the collective garden of voices
and experiences
Honors the culture of ALL of its people and
E X P A N D S
What our community will grow to be in now in
your hands.