

When You Believe: Whitney Houston feat. Mariah Carey

Many nights we've **prayed**
With no proof anyone could hear
In our hearts a hopeful song
We **barely** understood
Now we are not afraid
Although we know there's much to fear
We were moving mountains
Long before we knew we could

There can be **miracles**
When you believe
Though hope is **frail**
It's hard to kill
Who knows what miracles
You can achieve
When you believe
Somehow you will
You will when you believe

In this time of fear
When pray so often **proved in vain**
Hope seems like the summer birds
Too **swiftly** flown away
Yet now I'm standing here
My heart so full
I can't explain
Seeking faith and speaking words
I never thought I'd say

There can be miracles
When you believe

Though hope is frail
It's hard to kill
Who knows what miracles
You can achieve
When you believe
Somehow you will
You will when you believe

They don't always happen when you ask
And it's easy to **give in** to your fears
But when you've blinded by your pain
Can't see your ways through the rain
Small but still
Resilient voice
Says love is very near

There can be miracles
When you believe
Though hope is frail
It's hard to kill
Who knows what miracles
You can achieve
When you believe
Somehow you will
Now you will
You will when you believe

You will when you believe
Just believe
Just believe
You will when you believe

Words and Phrases

pray: addresses a prayer to god or another deity ; wish or hope strongly for a particular outcome or situation

barely: almost not ; hardly ; scarcely

frail: weak

miracle: an extraordinary event that is not able to be accounted for or understood by natural or scientific laws and is therefore contributed to a divine agency(means)

in vain: failing to achieve what we want, especially after much effort.

swiftly: moving at a high speed

give in: admit defeat ; you want to stop persisting doing something because you know you can't win

resilient: tending to recover from or adjust easily to misfortune or change

Questions:

1. When feeling depressed, what do you do to make yourself feel better?
2. How were your midterm exams? Did the heavy study load make your hope seem to be frail?
3. According to the lyrics, “it’s easy to give in to your dream”, what do you think this means? Share your thought with your group members.
4. Do you believe in miracles?
5. Do you like this song? Of all the lyrics, which part do you like the most? And, Why?