

We are Here for The Long Game

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I believe there is one statement, motto
all trailblazers had to say
Before they transformed into the power beings they
are today
It is these words that are truly underrated
It has given ordinary to extraordinary beings
the stamina, the grit
to stand before giants and face them
It is these words I believe we utter
before temporary defeat
The words we say with temerity
when they want us to retreat
The words we will repeat and echo through all halls
and chambers
As we walk through them again bringing a sea of blue
together
me
YOU
We say these words when they don't want us to
persist
try to make us resist
on us like a moth to a flame
We stand and say
We are here for the long game

I said: We are here for the long game
So, we believe Stacy Abrams used these words too
She spearheaded the charge to turn Georgia blue
She didn't concede at that election
Didn't see that lost as a rejection
She had a plan
Refusing to give in to the man
She "Lead from the Outside"
Getting more people to vote
instilled hope
She said our "Time is Now"
Letting the naysayers know tricks are for kids
silly rabbits
We are here because of habit
perseverance
She, we can't be tamed
They need to realize
We are here for the long game

Look at us
The diversity The skills The wit
We got that ability to try and try again
Like the Little Engine that Could
We don't quit
We had a trying time this year
tunnel vision at its best
singing Whitney Houston
"Didn't we almost have it all"
losing sight of the goal
But we came, and we studied
Now we are ready for the test
So we are back on track
We needed that diversion
Cause now we are bringing the whole team back into
the huddle
What we about to do as NOVA, Virginia as a state
will no longer be subtle
It's time for the election pain
How many times we have to tell you
We are here for the long game

So we channeling those who have laid the path
showing us what the long game looks like
never giving up
staying Ford tough
Our postcard writers with every stroke you win
You have been there for the long game
Our canvassing folks
You walk the path smiling, assuring
You're built to last
You are here for the long game
Our candidates
You summoned Harriet Tubman
You lead us
Left no one behind
Thank you for giving of yourself, your time
You are the long game
Our voters
You come through year after year no matter what/
You are the heart of this
You are the reason again why we rise, persist
In the words of Shirley Chisholm
We will be unbought and unbossed
Today, tomorrow, and forever
Now let us all proclaim
We are here for the long game!