

# Yes, We Can, Can

Words & Music:  
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*This is a one-chord funk song. In the Pointer Sisters' version, that one chord is based on C (bass line is: G A C A | C C G A | C) Above that are some of the many funk variations possible. A good page for funk guitar shapes is [www.gianlucaverrengia.com/funkchords.htm](http://www.gianlucaverrengia.com/funkchords.htm) & a great intro to funk guitar playing can be found at [www.ultimate-guitar.com/lessons/music\\_styles/funk\\_music.html](http://www.ultimate-guitar.com/lessons/music_styles/funk_music.html) Avoid the 3<sup>rd</sup> (which defines "major/minor") and include the "weird" sus, 9<sup>th</sup>, alt bits. Find which variation works for you or switch off as the song dictates to your ear.*

Now's the time for all good men  
To get together with one another.  
We got to iron out our problems and iron out our quarrels  
And try to live as brothers.  
And try to find a piece of land  
Without stepping on one another.  
And do respect the women of the world,  
Remember you all have mothers.

PRE-CHORUS:

We got to make this land a better land  
Than the world in which we live.  
And we got to help each man be a better man  
With the kindness that we give.

CHORUS:

I know we can make it, I know darn well we can work it out.  
Oh, yes, we can, I know we can, can.  
Yes, we can, can, why can't we?  
If we wanna get together we can work it out.

And we gotta take care of all the children,  
The little children of the world.  
'Cause they're our strongest hope for the future,  
The little bitty boys and girls.

PRE-CHORUS:

CHORUS: