

Closing by Andrew Jackson

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**If you can not be the best for yourself,
do it for those who were denied the opportunity
to be the best.**

**If you can not fight the fight for yourself,
do it for those who fought the wars,
but were without the weapons.**

**If you can not dream the dream for yourself,
do it for those who could dream,
but could never make their dreams come true.**

**If you can not love you for yourself,
love you for those who loved you
even as they stepped off slave ships into a new world,
or stood against those who said
they were not men, (or women).**

**If you can not be proud for yourself,
be proud for those who used pride
to sustain themselves against the times
they were sentenced to ride in the back of the bus,
and braved wild dogs and open fire hoses
in order to cast their voted for a candidate
of their choice.**

**Do it for yourself if you can,
but whenever you can not do it for yourself,
do it for them.**