

The Hill We Climb

A haiku of verbatim excerpts from Amanda Gorman's poem of this title performed at President Biden's inauguration, January 20, 2021

*as we grieved, we grew
even as we hurt, we hoped
as we tired, we tried*

*pride we inherit
that would shatter our nation
rather than share it*

*has its eyes on us
such a terrifying hour
we found the power*

*our children's birthright
will not march back to what was
move to what shall be*

*from the sunbaked south
new dawn blooms as we free it
we're brave ... to be it*

