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This is an audio recording of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. giving the "I Have a Dream" speech during the Civil Rights rally on the steps at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington D.C. on August 28, 1963.

The speech, from the steps of the [Lincoln Memorial](#) during the [March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom](#), was a defining moment of the [American Civil Rights Movement](#). At the end of the speech, King departed from his prepared text for a partly improvised peroration on the theme of "I have a dream", possibly prompted by [Mahalia Jackson's](#) cry, "Tell them about the dream, Martin!"

Artist/Composer: Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

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