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We're going live we're not going for



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I think that's Robin Tyler on the stage leaving the chance for love or for life we're not going back



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to the national march on Washington DC for gay and lesbian rights



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I'm Bruce Hopkins



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I want you to savor this next moment. I have the proud task of telling you that the official count of the lesbian and gay rights march the official count is



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brown lesbian, let me tell you today we gather, not only as Californians are Texans, New Yorkers going to brass skins, we say we assemble here not merely as political clubs, local community organizations or national organizations. This day was born not solely from the spirit of Stonewall, but from the struggles of Birmingham and Selma and Little Rock. And today, we're not only the defiant sisters and brothers of Harvey Milk, were the proud sons and daughters of Rosa Parks and Martin Luther King. Today 500,000 strong we are our nation.



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Today we sing a song of freedom. We project the voice of freedom forward beyond ourselves, to the youth of today and to the generations of tomorrow. And yes, we are here to warn, make no mistake about it. Our patience has been exhausted. We are discriminated against in jobs and housing and public accommodations were felons in 22 states, the Supreme Court has declared that we have no right to privacy. Were hounded by violence against our persons. barred from worshipping in some churches are killed run are tried to be taken from us. We are discriminated against in prisons. Beyond that, we vow to spend our dollars our votes and our nights in jail to make the violence and the injustice that sucks our lives to our nation. Beginning today, we have one simple message for the Reagan administration. It's gotta be simple if it's for the Reagan administration. Very simple. Repeat after me No more delays. No more delays on AIDS treatments. No more on AIDS research on AIDS discrimination The equal justice for lesbians and gay men. No more delays. How many must die for this administration to wake off



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other groups of Americans have gathered here before us to speak of the dream. To them I say, if the dream is to become a reality it must be shared. We have each one of us a piece of a dream. If we permitted to be postponed if we permit it to be compromised or splintered. We do so at our mutual peril. lesbians and gay men number 25 million in this country. We will come to campaigns and crusades and coalition's and sisterhood and brotherhood and we will sit at the table as equals



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where nobody's nasty little secret anymore



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Finally, take a deep breath. Look around and you'll never look back. What feels so good about this weekend is freedom. It is important for America to see us but it's equally important for us to see each other. We have generated in this place today an atmosphere charged with freedom. Let us seize it. Let's carry it out from this place. Let it be said of this march that it only began in Washington DC.



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From here, let it go forward to Boston and Bangor and Phoenix and Topeka



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and Santa Fe.



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Last pledge to each other today. Let us pledge to each other today that ours will be a watch. That will not end with the passage of a lesbian and gay rights bill. Ours is a watch that will not end with the passage of an Equal Rights Amendment. Ours is a watch that will not even end with a cure for AIDS. Ours is a watch that must be vigilant for as long as ignorance can bully for as long as justice is frail. Thank you God bless.



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Makes you want to play



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football you know?



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Thank you, hello. I'm here with a message. It is not a message to the American people per se. But it is a message that affects you all. And me very deeply. There are children who are walking around with ace. They are eight and seven year olds. There are five and four year olds. And people are making it tough for them to have the little bit of life they do. And I am appealing to you to show these kids how to live with dignity. I'm begging you. Because you see why you're sitting sometimes you'll be thinking oh, what have I done with my life? You've had a life. You've had 20 or 30 or 40 years. These kids have had four and five. I have a question that maybe somebody can give me an answer to too, when those children's houses were burned down in

Florida. Mr. Reagan did you send them a letter of condolence? Did you tell them what happened to them was wrong? And that is not the American way. Mr. Reagan, did you explain to these kids that sometimes ignorant people act in such a way that it's frightening? That Mr. Reagan, you tell them that you are so going to support them and live with them through this? Because that's what America does for its own? I don't think so. I want to know why. I mean, if we're supposed to be all American looking out for each other, then why hasn't the president United States said to these kids, I'm behind you. I am your president, too.

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When you have your sit and I would like you to scream the words how long? How long is it going to take? Before people get smart, educated people, not just people with no education? We're not talking about illiterate people. We're talking about senators and congressmen and the president.

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I am I can't believe there's like 500,000 people here. Would you do me a favor, please? Because I'm gonna be working on Tuesday. or dead? No, they won't kill me off till after the movie. Would you all 500,000 of you. I just want to hear how how long is going to sound when you scream it at Mr. Regan on three, please. Would you do that for me? 123.

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Well, I can tell you, when they see you, and they hear you, when they see the faces of the children, who are going to be inspired by you. I can only believe it won't be that long. I don't believe that people who walk around and talk about Christian brotherhood, or have problems with certain kinds of lifestyles will ever be able to look at a child again and say, oh, yeah, you're six you must be gay. I don't think that they'll be able to do that. As long as you and me and all those guys if they're behind the cameras and all the people who are watching scream how long gone peace going live. My love. Good night.

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KPFT Houston 90.1 FM.

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I haven't recovered here from that morning show. It appears that on Friday, October 9, a TWA Flight from Los Angeles was delayed for one hour in St. Louis to be disinfected because of the

presence of 30 gay people who had been on that flight and we're on their way to the March here in Washington. Now we just caught the tail end of that report. But we have here a feed from the morning stage. So let's go to that.

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Was disinfected blankets and pillows were removed. There were no known PW A's on the flight not that it would have mattered. A flight attendant call the St. Louis daily to complain that they were forewarned and given gloves to wear some concern St. Louis folks are calling you all to action. They want you to send your ticket receipts and let TW know TWA know that you flew TWA and that you're gay. They want you to boycott TWA until it changes its policies. They want you to let people know that you're gay if you're flying TWA on your return flight put it in their faces in their faces. We're not backing down. This is garbage. This kind of garbage is happening all over

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Going back from the 50s. While it was up in Berkeley, or Isla Vista or wherever it was, it seems I spent my whole life fighting one man, Ronald Reagan. And somehow or other, it seems that he's convinced America that our money is his, that when he gets when we give him the money, he takes it and he spends it on Star Wars. Well, we have to go out and raise dollars and quarters and nickels to fight a disease is killing all of us. I don't know how that happened. But it has to stop. Now. We're all terrified of the fact that our federal government ignores us completely. They expect us to do it. Well, the hell with them. It's our money. And they have to spend it on us. Now. No more bombs. We need hospitals. We don't need 1000s We need billions.

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The federal government has not spent as much on age as they've spent on one nuclear submarine. Think about that, man. Just think about that our country and our money. And we have to worry that we're gonna die. That no matter how much education we give each other, that ain't gonna save us. That ain't gonna cure us. It has to disappear. And the federal government has to make it disappear. Imagine with me, if you will, I'm going to stop now. But there's one thought I would like to leave all of you with if I get shot tomorrow. The one thing I'd like all of you to think about is just imagine like John Lennon, God bless John Lennon said Imagine all the people imagine

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for for, for for nourishment for nurturing, I think not. I want this land to be given into the hands. It was

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incredible this morning when they were lining up to march with their contingents. And

incredible this morning when they were lining up to march with their contingents. And somebody said, the people who are supposed to be behind Texas, I don't know where they are, but get behind them and you've heard a shout go up 50 to 100 maybe 200 flags of Texan people. We're gonna go to

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the stage now. And here's Troy Perry. Reverend Troy carry.

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I have waited for this day. You'll have to forgive me but yesterday I had a run in with a group of fundamentalist and I loved every minute of it. I am so tired of that group telling us we're going to die and go to hell. Yesterday they started with me. You're going to hell? Finally somebody said to me, why don't you give them hell? No. I'm going to give them heaven. I want to tell you that right now. Yes the day I upset them. When at their press conference. I walked him with my lover took him and kissed him sprayer in the mouth. I do it again for you today

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my lover Philip to Blake now if you turn to somebody kiss them right now right now be affectionate with somebody all over this mode right now.

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Today, we are marching. today. We are here. For the half a million people who are as far back as I can see to the Washington Monument. The 30,000 people who have died with AIDS and the 1000s who are living with AIDS. We are here today for three little boys in Arcadia, Florida, who are burned out of their home. Brian likes a young man dying of AIDS in Kokomo, Indiana. We marched today for two little baby girls that I've dealt with today. are here with a hate, we're marching for them

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even those who have died, they're marching with us today. They're here with us.

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To the US government, we say Shame, shame, shame.

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Supreme Court today, we tell you, you will never ever get us to go back to the closet.
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Americans are burning these clauses down. We're saying we will continue to be the people we are. If you have told me a few years ago, that we could have ended up with a half a million people in Washington, DC, I would have called you a liar. But as we started planning this March, I said, we can't wait another five years. We can't wait another two years with this disease, there will be even more of us who will have to face death. And you know what? You are three brothers, and you showed up and how faithful I am. If there's one thing America has, understand, that we will be affectionate, we will be ourselves. We love each other. When I saw Whoopi Goldberg, pushing someone in a wheelchair with AIDS, I'll tell you it stopped me. But I see the brothers and sisters who are sitting in front of me, the women, the children who are here with AIDS, America, wake up. This is the most loving group of people in Europe.



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We're never going back. I tell you today, when you leave here, be affectionate with each other. I've been told sometimes when AIDS first started, I would go into hospitals. I would visit AIDS patients. They would try to get me to put on gloves to put on masks. From the very first I said no way. I will embrace my brothers and my sisters. That's all there is to it. We all kill people. When you get ready to leave to go back to your cities. Do something for me. When you got to get on board the airplanes, watch your feet and reach over and touch each other, my love. When we traveled in airplanes, we put our arms around each other not to do anything but to be affectionate as we naturally are. And I want to tell you something I've discovered once that plane takes off, that puts you all