

# AMPLIFY! 2008

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**17** wonderfully long years have come to pass  
Each more fulfilling and more memorable than the last  
**Through adversity and struggles, we have weathered storms**  
**Unplugging all stereotypes and disconnecting social norms**

We're still going strong, never stopping to rest  
I would say we're better, but what's better than the best  
We're back at it again, in impeccable condition  
Ready to amplify our voices and mute all opposition  
Because we have been heightened, intensified  
Extended beyond the clouds

**With never-ending wavelengths of unimaginable sounds**

The sounds of girls' voices, rejoicing, expressive and proud  
Knowing that here, at Teen Voices, it's okay to be loud.  
Because we are the microphone that's ready to enhance  
The quality of girls voices by showing them they have a chance  
And speak the words your heart won't always let you say  
Knowing there always some one here to wipe your tears away

**At Teen Voices we make noise, each and every day**

We inspire and electrify in each and everyway  
Let's boost up the volume and crank up the base  
Blast all our voices, but of course in good taste  
Bouncing so high, that no one can reach us  
Turning up the volume and not just from the speakers  
Bumping our signals to incredible heights

**Supplying full clips not just little sound bites**

For 17 years, we've kept up our speed  
Soaring faster than sound, and we're still in the lead  
Can you feel the energy rushing through your bones?  
It's flowing through your fingers, your knees *and* your toes  
I know I can feel it it's a crazy sensation

**It's the overwhelming feeling of amplification.**

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**The power of Teen Voices is so simple, yet so complex**  
**I don't mean to perplex**

But our *true strength*?  
Lies in the verbal muscles we flex  
And the work that we do  
So beautifully connects  
And before *you know it*  
You will be the next

**To become AMPLIFIED!**

I am a strong teen girl and I speak with sounds so divine  
Just listen and let them seep in and send chills down your spine  
Was just a TIMID GIRL

Once upon a time  
But now a strong Teen woman  
**Influencing Womankind**

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**Why** should you amplify?

For the girl in Peru who has no guidance  
and she has no idea what to do because she is all alone  
and has no home.  
And Teen Voices is the only volume that she can turn to.

**Why should you amplify?**

Because you have joined a team,  
**And you are now on a very important mission,**  
To sound out the competition  
That is the main stream,  
So we can help girls find their own dream,  
Instead of their true one being denied,  
And turned on mute.

7.5 million watts of voices,

**We've spent 17 years of helping teen girls make choices.**  
Who would they all turn to if Teen Voices ever let them down?  
The time for a change is now.

**Why should you amplify?**

For the girl in Chicago  
Who needs some one to raise her volume  
The one who is too afraid to even speak  
Because shes been told all her life that pretty little girls are to  
be seen and not heard.

**Our goal is to help every girl come from under her disguise,**  
**And realize all of her great and world-filled possibilities.**

Amplify one, and you can help to amplify us all.  
Without the amp, the beat will just fall.  
Girls need to know that they have choices  
And they need to learn to amplify their voices  
So you be their first example,  
Go ahead and submit a sample to show them what it really means  
To raise the volume as loud as the sky  
And as strong as the bass,  
It's your job to make sure they know that they are more than  
just a pretty face  
And to make them aware that the worlds injustices are a disgrace,  
And they need not take it anymore.  
So you ask why should you amplify?  
It's obvious if you can't already see why.

**I'll** tell you why you should be AMPLIFIED....

You should do it for people like me  
Because I am a teen girl (and so are we!)  
And we are gonna be known and written down in history  
We don't let the issues we face slow down our pace  
Instead we possess positivity  
Using our creativity  
To impact this world  
**Making it a better place,**  
**a safer space**  
**for every teen girl**

My time and our time is now  
To turn up the volume  
And make the world say Woooooow  
Look at these girls, so determined, so strong  
There's no telling them otherwise, cuz they know what's right  
from wrong

**Did you know that great things can be accomplished**  
**from the sound of just one voice?**

So imagine if together we raised our voices high  
Leading the fight  
To change and over-write,  
Despite what others may say.  
Our plan is to do this OUR way.  
We won't stop until we are satisfied  
Until our cause has been justified  
**And until the whole world has been AMPLIFIED**

Imagine us, clappin' for every achiever  
And snappin' for every believer  
Who recognizes that every teen girl contains that unique sound  
that comes blaring out of a speaker

And even as I look around me  
**I see the world changing rapidly**  
And I know I can't give up  
Even if that's what's happening in someone else's reality  
But with support from a place like Teen Voices  
Helping me to get my sound out to the world  
And make better choices  
**I have found my sound within me**  
And the time is now for me to reach  
For what I want - and what I can be.

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