



TOGETHER  
WE RISE

1  
00:00:04,870 --> 00:00:02,149  
i am gay

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00:00:08,150 --> 00:00:04,880  
i am my authentic self i am a queer

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00:00:11,030 --> 00:00:08,160  
woman i am a transgender woman i am a

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00:00:13,830 --> 00:00:11,040  
lesbian i am gay and i'm my authentic

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00:00:16,860 --> 00:00:13,840  
self i'm a parent of a transgender son

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00:00:24,870 --> 00:00:16,870  
and i'm very proud

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00:00:27,189 --> 00:00:24,880  
[Music]

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00:00:29,189 --> 00:00:27,199  
i knew i wanted to be in science ever

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00:00:30,870 --> 00:00:29,199  
since i was a little kid i felt that it

10  
00:00:32,310 --> 00:00:30,880  
was really important to be my most

11  
00:00:33,910 --> 00:00:32,320  
authentic self

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00:00:37,030 --> 00:00:33,920  
especially knowing that this was my

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00:00:39,350 --> 00:00:37,040

dream queer people can dream big

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00:00:42,310 --> 00:00:39,360

exploration needs to be for everybody

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00:00:44,470 --> 00:00:42,320

every person every kid if they can see

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00:00:46,310 --> 00:00:44,480

themselves the astronauts that we send

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00:00:48,630 --> 00:00:46,320

out in space but also in the teams that

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00:00:51,029 --> 00:00:48,640

make that possible then we're doing our

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00:00:53,189 --> 00:00:51,039

job we're doing incredibly difficult and

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00:00:54,310 --> 00:00:53,199

complicated things we want people that

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00:00:56,470 --> 00:00:54,320

look at things from a different

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00:00:58,869 --> 00:00:56,480

perspective that can bring us

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00:01:03,110 --> 00:00:58,879

you know new ways of solving problems

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00:01:08,310 --> 00:01:05,509

if someone is in the closet

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00:01:11,030 --> 00:01:08,320

and they see people like me doing our

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00:01:12,550 --> 00:01:11,040

jobs being effective at our jobs

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00:01:14,469 --> 00:01:12,560

i think that is the biggest

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00:01:16,789 --> 00:01:14,479

encouragement that i can give them is to

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00:01:19,830 --> 00:01:16,799

show i can be my true self and i can do

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00:01:22,950 --> 00:01:19,840

my job they accept me 100

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00:01:24,630 --> 00:01:22,960

we're all together working on this

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00:01:26,230 --> 00:01:24,640

who i am is enough

33

00:01:29,510 --> 00:01:26,240

and

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00:01:32,069 --> 00:01:29,520

when you resonate that kind of pride

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00:01:34,069 --> 00:01:32,079

within yourself and you exude the love

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00:01:35,830 --> 00:01:34,079

that you have for yourself before you

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00:01:37,990 --> 00:01:35,840

know it you've got a tribe of people who

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00:01:40,310 --> 00:01:38,000

are just motivating and uplifting one

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00:01:43,510 --> 00:01:40,320

another that comes from being your

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00:01:45,030 --> 00:01:43,520

authentic self there's someone

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00:01:47,510 --> 00:01:45,040

in the world

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00:01:49,350 --> 00:01:47,520

struggling like you who needs to see

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00:01:51,510 --> 00:01:49,360

someone like you

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00:01:53,510 --> 00:01:51,520

to keep going there's someone who needs

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00:01:55,190 --> 00:01:53,520

an example and

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00:01:59,590 --> 00:01:55,200

you can be that

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00:02:01,109 --> 00:01:59,600

i am non-binary i am gay i use they them

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00:02:03,910 --> 00:02:01,119

there was one instance where i was

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00:02:05,510 --> 00:02:03,920

participating in a candidate lunch and

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00:02:09,029 --> 00:02:05,520

they actually also used they them

51  
00:02:11,270 --> 00:02:09,039  
pronouns and it just felt really nice to

52  
00:02:13,589 --> 00:02:11,280  
see someone else in the room using those

53  
00:02:15,430 --> 00:02:13,599  
pronouns and it i made sure to introduce

54  
00:02:16,630 --> 00:02:15,440  
myself with my pronouns so that they

55  
00:02:18,550 --> 00:02:16,640  
could know

56  
00:02:20,830 --> 00:02:18,560  
you're not the only one here

57  
00:02:24,869 --> 00:02:20,840  
there's someone here who understands you

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00:02:26,710 --> 00:02:24,879  
and really just wants the best for you

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00:02:29,830 --> 00:02:26,720  
it requires some bravery but take the

60  
00:02:31,350 --> 00:02:29,840  
leap just be honest be yourself and if

61  
00:02:33,430 --> 00:02:31,360  
you are yourself

62  
00:02:35,190 --> 00:02:33,440  
and they accept you

63  
00:02:37,110 --> 00:02:35,200

then you've found what you need i've

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00:02:38,630 --> 00:02:37,120

learned how to be confident myself and

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00:02:40,949 --> 00:02:38,640

i've also sort of established myself

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00:02:43,350 --> 00:02:40,959

here people know me i get to work with

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00:02:46,390 --> 00:02:43,360

smart and capable people and our job is

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00:02:48,869 --> 00:02:46,400

to explore outer space and to uncover

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00:02:51,270 --> 00:02:48,879

the mysteries of the solar system

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00:02:52,229 --> 00:02:51,280

as a daily matter that's what we do each

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00:02:54,070 --> 00:02:52,239

day

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00:02:55,910 --> 00:02:54,080

i feel hopeful for the future because of

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00:02:57,830 --> 00:02:55,920

the education that's out there and

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00:03:00,790 --> 00:02:57,840

employee resource groups that nasa has

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00:03:03,350 --> 00:03:00,800

established i am my true self in love

76  
00:03:05,190 --> 00:03:03,360  
with my wife and if we can be ourselves

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00:03:06,390 --> 00:03:05,200  
our mission here at nasa becomes more

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00:03:09,509 --> 00:03:06,400  
effective

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00:03:11,270 --> 00:03:09,519  
we're all different and we should all

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00:03:13,270 --> 00:03:11,280  
accept each other

81  
00:03:15,350 --> 00:03:13,280  
for our differences because that's what

82  
00:03:18,790 --> 00:03:15,360  
makes us special it's really important

83  
00:03:20,790 --> 00:03:18,800  
that we can show that visibility is safe

84  
00:03:22,869 --> 00:03:20,800  
and that you can absolutely be a part of

85  
00:03:23,910 --> 00:03:22,879  
the team and loved and valued for who

86  
00:03:26,949 --> 00:03:23,920  
you are

87  
00:03:29,670 --> 00:03:26,959  
it's never too late to be yourself it's

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00:03:31,750 --> 00:03:29,680

never too late to find your happiness

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00:03:32,869 --> 00:03:31,760

no matter what your identity is in the

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00:03:34,710 --> 00:03:32,879

community that there's going to be a

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00:03:38,630 --> 00:03:34,720

place for you

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00:03:40,020 --> 00:03:38,640

to not only just be here but to succeed

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00:03:42,789 --> 00:03:40,030

and to thrive

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00:03:44,789 --> 00:03:42,799

[Music]

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00:03:48,070 --> 00:03:44,799

i am a queer woman

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00:03:49,190 --> 00:03:48,080

and i am nasa i am nasa

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00:03:50,309 --> 00:03:49,200

i am

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00:04:10,730 --> 00:03:50,319

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