THINGS CAN CHANGE

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The world was a dull and lifeless place. A sense of doom hung heavy in the air. Dreamless people walked in the shadows, bent low, weighed down with worry.
It had always been like this. It always would be like this. Nothing would change.
Most people sightlessly went about their lives, but some were looking. They saw the dullness. They saw the decay. They saw the despair on people's faces.
They knew something was wrong. But they believed it wouldn’t always be like this. Things could change.
These eyes saw what could be done. Hands set to work. But as the work became visible puzzled eyes stopped to stare. Mouths opened to mock.
“Nothing you do will make a difference!
Nothing has before.
Nothing will change!”
But the hands worked on.
As the hands worked on, the brightness grew. Other eyes began to open, to see what was happening. And they wondered.
Could people make a difference?
Could the world become
a better place?
Could things really change?
As people realised that something could be done, more hands joined in. Determined hands, working together.
Perhaps things didn't have to be like this. Life could improve. If only people tried.
The world was a brighter place. A sense of purpose filled the air. People had come out of the shadows and made life better.
It hadn’t always been like this.
Things were changing because people had hope.
Do you?
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