

# The Bob and Rob Show

Weekly English Lessons from a Yankee and a Brit.



The Bob and Rob Show Study Guide  
Lesson 136: Obama  
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## Show Notes

This week Bob n' Rob get political as they discuss the potentially future US president.

## Phrasal Verbs and Idioms

### "to change back (into)"

- 1) To take off one's clothes, and put on what one was wearing earlier e.g.: *Bob felt his Prada tie didn't go with his suit, so he changed back into his Paul Smith one.*
- 2) To return to an earlier state or form e.g.: *The magician changed back into himself.*
- 3) To exchange money back to the money that it was before e.g.: *Now that I'm no longer in the USA, I need to change these dollars back into yen.* \_

### "to change into"

- 1) To put on different clothes e.g.: *after getting home from work, Rob usually changes into his casual clothes.*
- 2) To change somebody or something, into somebody or something else e.g.: *when the princess kissed the frog, it changed into a handsome prince.*

### IDIOM: "in your dreams"

This idiom is used to tell somebody that what they are hoping for will definitely not happen, and that it will literally only ever happen in their dreams while they are sleeping and never in reality e.g.:

*So you think you'll be Prime Minister one day, do you? Yeah ! **In your dreams !!***

### EXTRA IDIOM: "dream on"

This is very similar in meaning to 'in your dreams' and is also used to tell someone that an idea is not practical, is unrealistic and is unlikely to happen e.g.:

*So you think the LA Dodgers will win the World Series one day, do you? Yeah ! **Dream on !!***

### BONUS IDIOM: "to work / go like a dream"

This idiom shows that something is working perfectly, or that someone has fit into a new place or job really well. It suggests that the speaker is very happy and impressed with the results of something.

*The new software I've installed is working like a dream*

## Ancient Japanese English Study Secret

**Different ways to say 'no' tactfully so as not to sound too direct or impolite:**

- 1) A: Hey, Rob, would you like to go dancing this Friday?  
B: **I'm not keen on** dancing **actually**, Bob.
- 2) A: Bob, want to go out for some beer and Korean barbeque?  
B: **Well, you know, I don't particularly like** Korean barbeque. Sorry.
- 3) A: Rob, how about going to a Bach concert sometime?  
B: Bach ... **classical music's not my idea of** a good time I'm afraid.
- 4) A: So, Bob, would you like to climb Mt. Fuji this winter?  
B: **You know, I'd really rather not** go to the top in the winter, but maybe in the summer."

Try to use these expressions when declining someone's invitation. You will sound kinder and more natural.

## Both Sides of the Pond

(US) an obstacle course (UK) an (army) assault course  
(US) a one way ticket (UK) a single (ticket)  
(US) an order of ....(fries) (UK) a portion of ... (chips)  
(US) an outhouse (UK) an outside toilet  
(US) ornery (UK) a difficult person

## Quotations

*"A good compromise, a good piece of legislation, is like a good sentence; or a good piece of music. Everybody can recognize it. They say, "Huh, it works. It makes sense." Barack Obama.*

*"Focusing your life on solely making a buck shows a certain poverty of ambition. It asks too little of yourself. Because it's only when you hitch your wagon to something larger than yourself that you realize your true potential." Barack Obama.*

## Song

*Wings of Change*, by Sly Joe. See more at <http://www.podshow.com>

## Show Transcript

**BOB:** Hi, it's the Bob and Rob Show. This is Bob.

**ROB:** And this is Rob.

**BOB:** Okay, we're back here again, Rob. Hi, how are you doing?

**ROB:** I'm pretty good, thank you, Bob. And yourself?

**BOB:** Things are going well. I hope **life is treating you good**<sup>1</sup>, too.

**ROB:** Yep, yep, enjoying the weather at the moment and, yeah, having fun.

**BOB:** How's work going?

**ROB:** It's not bad. Kind of busy, as it usually is but, yeah, it's enjoyable.

**BOB:** Manageable.

**ROB:** Manageable. We have the new **intake**<sup>2</sup> this year.

**BOB:** Well, good. That's always a kind of a tense time of year, because with the declining student population in Japan, universities are scrambling - rushing around - trying to get students.

**ROB:** That's right.

**BOB:** And if we don't have students, we don't have jobs.

**ROB:** And consequently the level of the students is declining.

**BOB:** Their English is really declining, isn't it?

**ROB:** Yeah, unfortunately.

**BOB:** Anyway, today we're not talking about that. Today our topic is: **Obama**<sup>3</sup> - Barack Hussein Obama.

**ROB:** Whose the ...

**BOB:** The current presidential candidate for **the Democratic party**<sup>4</sup>. The Democratic presidential candidate in the United States. A really interesting time right now to be involved in politics.

**ROB:** Sure. When is the ... the 2008 U.S. presidential election?

**BOB:** That will be in November. But Barack Hussein Obama, Jr. - I'm sure a lot of our listeners have seen him on TV - was born August 4th, 1961, and is the leading United State senator from Illinois, and a leading candidate for the Democratic nomination in this year's election. It's going to be an exciting one, too.

**ROB:** He was born to a Kenyan father and an American mother.

**BOB:** His mother is Caucasian.

**ROB:** Oh right, yes.

**BOB:** I'm not sure if she's alive or not.

**ROB:** So she's Caucasian - she's white.

**BOB:** Biracial.

**ROB:** Right.

**BOB:** Anyway ...

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<sup>1</sup> **life is treating you good** = this is colloquial and informal. Strictly speaking, from a grammatical point of view, we should say *life is treating you well*, where 'well' is an adverb and 'good' is an adjective.

<sup>2</sup> **Intake** = a body or group of people who are entering the same organization. It can refer to students or workers alike. Remember that in Japan, the academic year runs from April to March.

<sup>3</sup> **Obama** = Read more about the man himself here: <http://www.barackobama.com/index.php>

<sup>4</sup> **the Democratic party** = just in case you're not familiar with US politics: there are two main parties in America; the Democratic and Republican parties. Bush, as you may know, is a Republican. They tend to veer on the conservative side of politics. American politicians can also stand as independents.

**ROB:** He spent most of his life in Honolulu, in Hawaii. And from the age of six to ten, he lived in Jakarta in Indonesia, with his mother and his Indonesian stepfather. He married his wife, Michelle Robinson, in 1992 and they have two daughters. He's a graduate of Columbia University and Harvard Law School.

**BOB:** He's a smart guy.

**ROB:** He worked as a community organizer, a university lecturer, and a civil rights lawyer before running for public office and serving in the Illinois senate from 1997 to 2004. But after an unsuccessful bid for a seat in the House of Representatives eight years ago in 2000, he announced his campaign for U.S. Senate in 2003.

**BOB:** And now he's a senator.

**ROB:** Go! Go, Obama!

**BOB:** The following year, 2004, while he was still an Illinois state legislator, Obama delivered the **keynote address**<sup>5</sup> at the 2004 Democratic National Convention.

**ROB:** Oh really, wow.

**BOB:** And this speech was most Americans' introduction to Obama.

**ROB:** I see.

**BOB:** It was really good. It was a hell of a speech. And its enthusiastic reception at the convention, and widespread coverage by national media, gave him instant celebrity status. And again ... he was elected to the U.S. Senate shortly after that in November 2004 with 70% of the vote.

**ROB:** Well, that sounds like a landslide.

**BOB:** Actually, I think he was elected before that, but anyway, it doesn't matter. He's a great speaker.

**BARACK OBAMA:**

Let me express my deepest gratitude for the privilege of addressing this convention. Tonight is a particular honor for me because - let's face it - my presence on this stage is pretty unlikely. My father was a foreign student, born and raised in a small village in Kenya. He grew up herding goats, went to school in a tin-roof shack. His father - my grandfather - was a cook, a domestic servant to the British.

But my grandfather had larger dreams for his son. Through hard work and perseverance my father got a scholarship to study in a magical place, America, that shone as a **beacon**<sup>6</sup> of freedom and opportunity to so many who had come before.

While studying here, my father met my mother. She was born in a town on the other side of the world, in Kansas. Her father worked on oil rigs and farms through most of the depression. The day after Pearl Harbor, my grandfather signed up for duty; joined Patton's army, marched across Europe. Back home, my grandmother raised their baby and went to work on a bomber assembly line. After the war, they studied on the G.I. Bill, bought a house through FHA, and later moved west - all the way to Hawaii, in search of opportunity.

And they, too, had big dreams for their daughter. A common dream born of two continents. My parents shared not only an improbable love; they shared an **abiding**<sup>7</sup> faith in the possibilities of this nation. They would give me an African name, Barack, or "blessed," believing that in a tolerant America, your name is no barrier to success. They imagined me going to the best schools in the land, even though they weren't rich, because in a generous America, you don't have to be rich to achieve your potential.

They have both passed away now. And yet, I know that on this night they look down on me with great pride.

They stand here - and I stand here today, grateful for the diversity of my heritage, aware that my parents' dreams live on in my two precious daughters. I stand here knowing that my story is part of the larger American story, that I owe a debt to all of those who came before me, and that in no other country on Earth is my story even possible.

**ROB:** Well, since announcing his presidential campaign in February of 2007, Obama has emphasized ending the Iraq war. Also, increasing energy independence, and providing universal health care as his top three priorities. And he's written two best-selling books, a memoir of his youth titled *Dreams from My Father* and *The Audacity*<sup>8</sup> of Hope, which is a personal commentary on U.S. politics.

**BOB:** Yeah, it's good - he can write. And he can talk, unlike our current president. He's actually a smart guy.

**ROB:** He seems to be a true intellectual.

**BOB:** I really am excited about him. I really am. You know, he's not perfect, there's some things, some of his policies I don't support one hundred percent.

**ROB:** Such as?

**BOB:** For example, with his health care plan, I think he's for universal health care; but I don't think it's going to be required. It will be an option whether you want to go into the system, or not - which I think it needs to be a **mandate**<sup>9</sup> - you have to do it. Some other things, but-but for the most part, I'm really excited about him. I think it's an exciting time, because we've got a black person, and a woman running. So I hope he wins. Also, I

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<sup>5</sup> **keynote address** = this means 'the main speech'. A *keynote speaker* is someone who gives the main and most important speech or presentation at a conference or convention.

<sup>6</sup> **Beacon** = something, either a person or thing, that warns or acts as a guide.

<sup>7</sup> **Abiding** = enduring, steadfast. This word collocates with faith i.e., *an abiding faith* is a common expression.

<sup>8</sup> **Audacity** = being bold or daring and not worrying about any restrictions.

<sup>9</sup> **a mandate** = this is the noun. If something is mandatory (adjective), then it is obligatory, compulsory, something that has to be done e.g.: *mandatory military conscription was phased out in the 1950's in the UK.*

would vote for him over John McCain. And I think he's the change that we need. He may disappoint. I don't know, I mean, it's always kind of a gamble. I mean, George Bush said a lot of things that turned out weren't true. He's a compassionate conservative and he's for small government, and so he basically just said a lot of things that ... just to get elected. And I didn't vote for him anyway.

**ROB:** Well, I mean, he actually lied at the elections, too, because both elections that he won were actually, uh - cheated.

**BOB:** Stolen!

**ROB:** Yeah.

**BOB:** Well, I don't know about the second one, but the first one there were some-some ...

**ROB:** I think they both were.

**BOB:** Yeah, there was something going on there. But anyway, I don't want to get into that. But I think Obama really is a chance for America to really move forward - or to recover from lost time - to recover from some of the damage that's been done in the past eight years. Obviously, I'm biased, but I think he is exciting.

**ROB:** So, I take it-I take it that you're going to vote obviously, eh?

**BOB:** Well fuck, yeah.

**ROB:** How are you going to do that living in Japan, then?

**BOB:** We do what's called an "absentee ballot," so I just send it in.

**ROB:** Oh cool, yeah. Good. Do you have to contact the U.S. Embassy here in Tokyo?

**BOB:** No. The local elections office where I'm from in the U.S. sends me an absentee ballot.

**ROB:** Oh, great, great.

**BOB:** So, yeah - Obama, exciting time. And it's nice to have a good speaker, who seems to be a person that is quite **worldly**<sup>10</sup> - traveled, and seems quite sophisticated.

**ROB:** And genuine.

**BOB:** Yeah, and genuine.

**ROB:** But, you know, I thought Bill Clinton - well, he still is - a great speaker, too.

**BOB:** Yeah, Bill Clinton, yeah, he's quite the politician. And, you know, his wife - I don't ... in a lot of ways, I think Hillary Clinton would be a good president but, you know, I just think that we've had eight years of Bushes. Well ...no, twelve years of Bushes. We've had eight years of Clinton, and then another four or eight years of another Clinton, with her husband - with Bill Clinton - in the White House. It's almost starting to feel like, you know, a dynasty - or dynasties. I really think we need to get away from this.

**ROB:** Yeah, it's should be a fresh change, if Obama does manage to win.

**BOB:** I'm for Obama. Anyway, let's move on to phrasal verbs. Obama ... I think his slogan is, "Change to Believe In." So let's look at phrasal verbs using "change." Our first one is "change back." And what does that mean?

**ROB:** Well, that has several meanings. The first one, it means "to take-off clothes, and put-on what you were wearing earlier."

**BOB:** So, for example, "Rob's high heeled shoes are so uncomfortable.

**ROB:** I'm going to change back into my slippers.

**BOB:** Rob doesn't have high heels on, although he fantasizes about it. Also, "change back" can mean "to return to an earlier state, or form." Example, "The magician changed back into himself."

**ROB:** Yeah, right. Good, good. And the final meaning of change back is "to exchange money back, to the money that it was before." So, for example, "Now that I'm no longer in Thailand, I need to change this baht back into yen." And "baht" is Thai money.

**BOB:** Not your **rear end**<sup>11</sup>?

**ROB:** Right.

**BOB:** Okay, what's another phrasal verb, Rob?

**ROB:** "To change into."

**BOB:** That means "to put-on different clothes." So, for example, "Should we change into something a little warmer before going out for the evening?"

**ROB:** And another meaning is "to change somebody or something, into somebody or something else."

**BOB:** So, for example, "The prince was changed into a frog by the evil witch."

**ROB:** Right. Good one. Okay, some idioms.

**BOB:** Yeah, idioms, hum ...

**ROB:** "In your dreams."

**BOB:** Dreams, we're talking about dreams 'cause Obama kind of seems really .... have a lot of metaphors related to dreams. One of his books ... *Dreams of My Father*. So let's look at dream idioms today. "In your dreams." What does that mean?

**ROB:** Well, it's used "to tell somebody that what they are hoping for will definitely not happen."

**BOB:** So, for example, "Rob, I think I will be the prime minister of Japan someday."

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<sup>10</sup> **Worldly** = experienced, wise, knowing.

<sup>11</sup> **rear end** = did you get Bob's joke? Baht sounds like 'butt', which is slang for 'rear end'. Other slang synonyms are 'ass' (US), 'arse' (UK), bum, bottom, jacksie (UK).

**ROB:** Yeah, in your dreams, Bob. You have two hopes: **Bob Hope**<sup>12</sup>, and no hope.  
**BOB:** Another idiom is "to dream on." What does that mean?  
**ROB:** That means it's used "to tell someone that an idea is not practical, or likely to happen."  
**BOB:** Kind of related to "in your dreams."  
**ROB:** Yeah, kind of similar.  
**BOB:** So, Rob, I really think if we pray hard enough there will be world peace.  
**ROB:** Dream on, Bob. Yeah, so it's unlikely to happen.  
**BOB:** And our bonus idiom today is what?  
**ROB:** It's "to work like a dream," or "went like a dream." You can use both.  
**BOB:** What's an example?  
**ROB:** "Bob, how does the new computer work?"  
**BOB:** "Ah, it works like a dream." And the answer can be found ...  
**ROB:** In the study guide. So please check that out.  
**BOB:** Ancient Japanese English Study Secret.  
**ROB:** Ancient Japanese English Study Secret.  
**BOB:** Today we're going to look at saying, "no" tactfully. You just don't want to say, "no."  
**ROB:** Right. Of course.  
**BOB:** You'll come across as very **boorish**<sup>13</sup> or cold or rude.  
**ROB:** Just too direct.  
**BOB:** Too direct.  
**ROB:** Yeah, impolite.  
**BOB:** What are some expressions, Rob, that we can use to say, "no" tactfully?  
**ROB:** "I'm not keen on ... "  
**BOB:** Or "I don't particularly like ... "  
**ROB:** "It's not my idea of ... "  
**BOB:** Or "I'd really rather not ... " So let's give some examples here, "Hey, Rob, would you like to go dancing this Friday?"  
**ROB:** "I'm not keen on dancing actually, Bob."  
**BOB:** Okay. All right. Fuck you, then.  
**ROB:** Okay, and ... "Bob, want to go out for some beer and *yakiniku*?"  
**BOB:** "Well, you know, I don't particularly like *yakiniku*. Sorry."  
**ROB:** Okay, good. *Yakiniku*, is Korean barbecue.  
**BOB:** That is good.  
**ROB:** Umm, lovely.  
**BOB:** "Rob, how about going to a Bach concert sometime?"  
**ROB:** "Bach ... classical music's not my idea of a good time I'm afraid." So, Bob, would you like to climb Mt. Fuji this winter?  
**BOB:** "**Mt. Fuji, this winter**<sup>14</sup>? You know, I'd really rather not go to the top in the winter, but maybe in the summer."  
**ROB:** Okay, good.  
**BOB:** Have fun, Rob. Bye. All right, let's move on to -  
**ROB:** Both Sides of the Pond.  
**BOB:** Yes. And today in honor of Obama, I thought I'd pick some American words that start with "o." That are used differently in the U.K.  
**ROB:** Because Obama begins with "o"?  
**BOB:** That's right, Rob. You're quick.  
**ROB:** A bit perceptive today, aren't I?  
**BOB:** Sometimes we have what are called training courses like, especially, in the military, we call them "obstacle courses." You, you know, jump over pits and swing and .... crawl on walls. "Obstacle course," do you say that?  
**ROB:** We would call them "assault courses." They're good fun, actually.  
**BOB:** You say, "an assault course"?  
**ROB:** Yeah, an assault course.  
**BOB:** Wow, it sounds very violent.  
**ROB:** Well, it's-it's tough work.  
**BOB:** How about a "one-way ticket"? Like, when you fly to a city on an airplane, but you don't have a ticket coming back.

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<sup>12</sup> **Bob Hope** = the great comic actor and genius who passed away several years ago. See more here: <http://www.imdb.com/name/nm0001362/> and here: <http://www.bobhope.com/>

<sup>13</sup> **Boorish** = insensitive and crude and lacking good manners.

<sup>14</sup> **Mt. Fuji, this winter** = Rob has climbed this dormant volcano (3776 m) 4 times in winter. He says it is rather long and monotonous, but is good for stamina training. Please try it if you ever visit Japan. It gets very busy in the summer when it is just a hike, but to do it in winter requires specialized equipment and alpine experience. Good luck.

**ROB:** Right. A one-way ticket. No, we call those "singles," a single ticket.

**BOB:** Okay. Another "o" word - an "order of." Like, when you go to a restaurant, you might get an order of; for example, beans.

**ROB:** We would say, "a portion" of beans. "A portion of" something.

**BOB:** Okay, boy a peculiar language you guys speak over there. You know, when I was a kid - I think I mentioned this before, we lived in a log house - but also, when we first moved onto our property, we had our bathroom outside in a small shed. It's called "an outhouse." There's no running water, it was just a hole in the ground. "An outhouse," do you say that in the U.K.?

**ROB:** No, we call those "the outside toilet."

**BOB:** Have you ever used an outside toilet?

**ROB:** Oh yeah. But the ones that I've used have actually had pipes running in, so it actually had plumbing.

**BOB:** Like at a camping place or ...

**ROB:** No. One, actually, in someone's house once. Old houses have outside toilets.

**BOB:** Let's see. Another word "o" - "ornery." Ornery is ... "ornery."

**ROB:** "Ornery." Well, this ... in Britain we don't ...

**BOB:** Like, an ornery old man.

**ROB:** Right. We wouldn't really use that we would just say, "a difficult person." "He's a **difficult old boy**<sup>15</sup>."

**BOB:** So, when I call you "ornery" you don't know what that means?

**ROB:** I don't know, yeah, so I'll have to remember that one.

**BOB:** I kid-I kid the cohost.

**ROB:** Thank you, very much, Bob.

**BARACK OBAMA:**

For alongside our famous individualism, there's another ingredient in the American saga: A belief that we're all connected as one people.

If there is a child on the south side of Chicago who can't read, that matters to me, even if it's not my child. If there's a **senior citizen**<sup>16</sup> somewhere who can't pay for their prescription drugs, and has to choose between medicine and the rent, that makes my life poorer, even if it's not my grandparent. If there's an Arab American family being rounded up without benefit of an attorney or due process, that threatens my civil liberties. It is that fundamental belief - I am my brother's keeper, I am my sister's keeper - that makes this country work. It's what allows us to pursue our individual dreams and yet still come together as one American family. *E pluribus unum*. "Out of many, one."

Now, even as we speak, there are those who are preparing to divide us: the spin masters, the negative ad peddlers, who embrace the politics of anything goes. Well, I say to them tonight, there is not a liberal America and a conservative America - there is the United States of America. There is not a black America and a white America and Latino America and Asian America - there's the United States of America.

**BOB:** Okay, well, announcements. Peace!

**ROB:** Yes, peace.

**BOB:** Vote Obama! Or, at least, Hillary Clinton.

**ROB:** Yeah. Go! Democrats.

**BOB:** Okay, well, let's do some quotations. And since we're talking about Barack Obama today, let's use some of his quotes. This is a really nice one by him. He says, "A good compromise, a good piece of **legislation**<sup>17</sup>, is like a good sentence; or a good piece of music. Everybody can recognize it. They say, "Huh, it works. It makes sense." It's Barack Obama.

**ROB:** Right, Yeah, good. He also said, "Focusing your life on solely making a buck shows a certain **poverty of ambition**<sup>18</sup>. It asks too little of yourself. Because it's only when you hitch your wagon to something larger than yourself that you realize your true potential."

**BOB:** A "buck" in that case means "money." "Hitching your wagon" means "to take a stand or ...

**ROB:** To choose something or ....

**BOB:** Exactly. So "hitch your wagon" - "when you pursue something larger than yourself." It's an idiom - "to hitch yourself."

**ROB:** Yeah, that's very profound.

**BOB:** As I mentioned before, Obama's campaign slogan is "Change You Can Believe In." Or, "Change We Can Believe In." So I thought I'd choose a song with that theme in it. And it's called "Wings of Change."

**ROB:** Oh, it's the Scorpions. Oh, no.

**BOB:** Oh yeah. **The Scorpions**<sup>19</sup>, that's right. They were a great rock group.

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<sup>15</sup> **difficult old boy** = a British English slang term that is derogatory and similar to ornery is 'old git' e.g.: *look at that miserable old git!*

<sup>16</sup> **senior citizen** = members of society who are over the legal age of retirement (usually 65).

<sup>17</sup> **Legislation** = a law, or a group of laws that have been enacted or passed by politicians.

<sup>18</sup> **poverty of ambition** = similar to 'a lack of ambition'. This is a nice way of putting it. It shows a clever use of rhetoric, or oration. We did say Obama was a good speaker ☺

<sup>19</sup> **The Scorpions** = see more about this timeless classic heavy metal band here: <http://www.the-scorpions.com/english/> Their song is actually called *Winds of Change*.

**ROB:** They still are I think.  
**BOB:** Are they still together?  
**ROB:** Yeah.  
**BOB:** Man, they were awesome! "Big City Nights"  
**ROB:** Yeah, yeah, wonderful band!  
**BOB:** All our German listeners out there, I used to listen to the Scorpions when I was in high school. I loved those guys.  
**ROB:** They're great! Yeah, ole Rudy Schenker ...  
**BOB:** "Still Loving You." I saw them in concert in Seattle.  
**ROB:** Wow. They're great!  
**BOB:** They are. God, the Scorpions.  
**ROB:** Actually, I think I saw them at the Hammersmith Odeon in London, and they were really good. They did a pyramid.  
**BOB:** No ... no they were one of the better heavy metal groups at the time.  
**ROB:** They did some classic songs.  
**BOB:** Anyway. "Wings of Change", by Sly Joe. And we got the song from Podshow.com Where can you go to learn more about the artist, Rob?  
**ROB:** You can go to: podshow.com - www.music.podshow.com  
**BOB:** And that's about it for today. So if you're interested in supporting Barack Obama you can go to his website and donate a little money. But ...  
**ROB:** Alternatively you could just donate to us.  
**BOB:** Exactly.  
**ROB:** And we'll pass it on.  
**BOB:** I think that would be better. He has lots of money.  
**ROB:** Oh no, we'll pass it on, right?  
**BOB:** That's right. We'll pass it on to him. Okay, bye, everyone.  
**ROB:** Bye-bye.

## **Song**

"Wings of Change" by Sly Joe.

Once upon a time you were, "Look don't touch."  
But now you've changed my mind  
Opened up the door and said, "I'd like for you to come inside"

### Chorus

Well, the wings of change are blowing  
The sea is overflowing  
With good intentions

Nature has her way of working wonders everyday  
And each one with reason  
Her invitation was like a **monsoon**<sup>20</sup> coming  
To end the dry season

### Chorus

Well, the wings of change are blowing  
The sea is overflowing  
With good intentions

The time is right for us to right  
We should unite, there's nothing ever happen by chance  
Eyes don't lie and smiles can't hide this feeling inside  
May I have this dance?

### Chorus

### Chorus

Things are getting better day by day  
If you want to take me, take me all the way.

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<sup>20</sup> **Monsoon** = the rainy or wet season in tropical and humid areas and countries. The opposite is the dry season.

## **Extension and Review Study**

\*note: we encourage you to respond to the questions and readings by posting on the **discussion board** (Login using your Bob and Rob Show membership *username* and *password*)

<http://thebobandrobshow.com/discussionboard/>

1/ Who would you like to see in the White House next November? Explain your reasons for your choice and why you think this particular person would make a better president than the other candidates.

2/ What clothes do you usually change into after work or school or after a workout in the gym? Has anything ever gone like a dream for you? Describe it and why it was so successful.