

# When we talk will you listen

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## Meaning

“When we talk will you listen”, asks us to listen and try to understand the concerns of people living with dementia. One of the symptoms of certain kinds of dementia can be the disturbance of speech and the ability to speak a second language.

## Symbolism

Hamari Yaadain is a South Asian group based in Leeds.

The centre illustration is of members of the group within a lotus blossom.

The lotus blossom is the national flower of India.

In the top corners are marigolds, these are important flowers in South Asian culture and at the bottom are the white roses of Yorkshire.

The flowers are joined by sound waves. The group was recorded saying, “When we talk will you listen” in English and then Punjabi. The recordings were converted to sound waves. On the left is English and to the right Punjabi.

The colours green and saffron are taken from the national flag of India. Green represents healing & nature, while saffron represents renunciation & humility.