

Street Songs

ABOLISH ICE

(When the Saints Go Marching In)

Abolish ICE! Abolish ICE!
Abolish ICE right now, right now!
We're gonna love & protect
all our neighbors
Abolish ICE right now, right now!

AIN'T GONNA LET NOBODY TURN ME AROUND

Anthem from 1960s adapted from a spiritual

Ain't gonna let nobody
Turn me around, turn me around
Turn me around
Ain't gonna let nobody turn me around
I'm gonna keep on walkin', keep on talkin'
Gonna build a brand new world
Ain't gonna let no administration ...
Ain't gonna let no bullies...
Ain't gonna let no authoritarians..

BREAD AND ROSES

poem by James Oppenheim

As we go marching, marching in the beauty of the day
A million darkened kitchens, a thousand mill-lofts gray
Are touched with all the radiance
that a sudden sun discloses
For the people hear us singing
"Bread and Roses, Bread and Roses"

As we go marching, marching, we battle, too, for men
For they are women's children and we mother them again.
Our lives shall not be sweated from birth until life closes
Hearts starve as well as bodies
Give us Bread, but give us Roses

As we go marching, marching, unnumbered women dead
Go crying through our singing their ancient call for Bread
Small art and love and beauty their trudging spirits knew
Yes, it is Bread we fight for—but we fight for Roses, too

As we go marching, marching, we bring the Greater Days
The rising of the women means the rising of the race
No more the drudge and idler
Ten that toil where one reposes
But a sharing of life's glories
Bread and Roses, Bread and Roses

Our lives shall not be sweated from birth until life closes
Hearts starve as well as bodies
Bread and Roses, Bread and Roses

THE DARK TIMES

by Alexandra "Ahlay" Blakely

Will there be singing
still in the dark times?
Yes there will still be singing
Yes there will still be singing
Yes there will still be singing
About the dark times

FILLED WITH LOVE

by Joyce Andersen

Men of anger, men of war
My heart is filled with love
Tell me what are you fighting for
My heart is filled with love
This death I see won't make me numb
My heart is filled with love
Sons and daughters, everyone
My heart is filled with love
Raise your voices, spread the news...
Buddhist, Christian, Muslim, Jew...
They all teach the golden rule...
Do unto others as you'd have them do...

I will not fear these foreign tongues...
There is a place for everyone...
I cannot make their will my own...
But fear can turn a heart to stone...

I do not know my neighbor's name...
I love that stranger just the same...
Hope is rising from this place...
Divine wisdom, amazing grace...

I AM NOT AFRAID

*by The Peace Poets for the
Poor People's Campaign*

I am not afraid
I am not afraid
I will live for liberation
I know why I was made
sing...march...love

HOLD ON

by Heidi Wilson

Hold on
Hold on
My dear ones
Here comes the dawn

...and more

COURAGE, MY FRIEND

South African Apartheid song

Courage, ***Courage***
My friend, ***My friend***
You do not walk alone
We will, ***We will***
Walk with you, ***Walk with you***
And sing your spirit home

ICE OUT

by Friend Andrea Szirbik Groft

Ice out (x4)
We will not be silent
We won't comply
With your acts of violence
We'll hold the line (x2)
Ice out (x3)
We stand with our neighbors
We will stand together (x4)

I AM WILLING

by Holly Near

I am open and I am willing
To be hopeless would seem so strange
It dishonors those who go before us
So lift me up to the light of change.

There is hurting in my family
There is sorrow in my town
There is panic in the nation
There is wailing the whole world round

May the children see more clearly
May the elders be more wise
May the winds of change caress us
Even though it burns our eyes

Give me a mighty oak to hold my confusion
Give me a desert to hold my fears
Give me a sunset to hold my wonder
Give me an ocean to hold my tears

POWER TO THE PEOPLE-
*by Airika Cross and Malu Brooks of
Dream Defenders*

Power to the people
Power to the people now (x4)

People! **People!**
Power! **Power!** (x4)

Power to the people now!(x4)

**RIVER OF LOVE,
FREEDOM & JUSTICE**

by The Love Revolution Street Singers

River of love
Freedom and justice
It flows, it flows
Away we ride
Wise old river
Why resist?
It flo-o-o-o-ows
It guides

RIVER OF LOVE (*shortened*)

River of love
Away we ride
It flo-o-o-o-ows
It guides

SAY NO

by Black Lives Matter movement

Say no, we can't be silent while
our friends are gunned down (x2)
I am a sleeping giant
There is a riot in my bones (x2)

STEP BY STEP *by Pete Seeger*

Step by step, the longest march
Can be won, can be won
Many stones can form an arch
Singly none, singly none
And by union what we will
Can be accomplished still
Drops of water turn a mill
Singly none, singly none

WE KEEP US SAFE

by Lua Aya and Peace Poets

Who keeps us safe? **Who keeps us safe?**
We keep us safe! **We keep us safe!**
Our love for our people **Our love for our people**
Will conquer hate! **Will conquer hate!**

THEY TRIED TO BURY US

*lyrics attrib. to Dinos Christianopolous,
contemporary Greek queer poet*

They tried, they tried
They tried to bury us
They tried, they tried
They tried to bury us
They didn't know, they didn't know
They didn't know, they didn't know
That we were seeds

WE ARE HERE *by Sabrina Partridge*

We are here (echo)
With our voices (echo)
Our love for each other
will carry us through

*Variations: city, neighbors, courage, grief,
families, children, hope, demands*

WADE IN THE WATER

adapted by Joan Baez

Wade in the water
Wade in the water, people
Wade in the water

God's gonna trouble the water
God's gonna trouble the water

Who's that yonder dressed in red
God's gonna trouble the water
Just some people from my neighborhood
God's gonna trouble the water
God's gonna trouble the water

Who's that yonder dressed in blue...
Looks like me, looks like you...

Who's that yonder dressed in white...
They put down the sword and they
picked up the fight...

Who's that yonder dressed in black...
Get back, get back, get back, get back...

WE GET THERE TOGETHER

by Joshua H. Blaine

No one is getting left behind this time
No one is getting left behind
No one is getting left behind this time

We get there together
or never get there at all (x4)

WE SHALL NOT BE MOVED

African American spiritual

We shall not, we shall not be moved
We shall not, we shall not be moved
Just like a tree planted by the water
We shall not, we shall not be moved

We're fighting for our children
We shall not, we shall not be move
We're fighting for our childrent
We shall not, we shall not be moved
Like a tree planted by the water
We shall not be moved

In the face of sorrow...

On the way to justice...

Sanctified and holy...

Love is our resistance...

Standing up for freedom...

WE SHALL OVERCOME

*"I'll Overcome Someday" adapted by Lucille Simmons
Zilphia Horton, Pete Seeger, Guy Carawan*

We shall overcome
We shall overcome
We shall overcome someday
Oh deep in my heart I do believe
We shall overcome someday
We are not afraid...
We'll walk hand in hand...
Love will set us free...

in Spanish...

Nosotros venceremos
Nosotros venceremos
Nosotros venceremos ahora
O en mi corazón, yo creo
Nosotros venceremos

**WHO MAKES THE
FUTURE? WE DO!**

by Abigail Bergson

Who makes the future?
We do, we do

Who makes the future?
We do, we do

Look around! Look around!
**Who's with you? Who makes the
future? You know we do!**