

SHOUT NO TO THE STATUS QUO

Words & Music by: Karen Szczepanski and Bennet Zurofsky (2023)

Inspired by the 2023 UAW strike with gratitude to Carl Perkins

One for the money
Two for the show
Corporate greed has got to go
Shout No – to the status quo
Shout No No No - to the status quo

The rich elite
Thought we were beat
But they didn't count on the people in the street
Shout No – to the status quo
Shout No No No - to the status quo

The Greens and the Unions
Have fought in the past
But with just transition
We're together at last!
Shout No etc.

Break:
Shout no no, no status quo
Shout no no no, no status quo
Shout no no, no status quo
Shout no no no, no status quo
We all shout No - to the status quo

Tell the politicians
And the CEOs
Corp'rate power has got to go!
Shout No etc.

Repeat break as Coda

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CLEARWATER FESTIVAL

Sunset Park
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DO IT NOW

Tune: "Bella Ciao"

Key: D minor

We need to wake up; we need to wise up
We need to open our eyes and do it now, now, now
We need to build a better future
And we need to start right now

We're on a planet, that has a problem
We've got to solve it, get involved and do it now now now
We need to build a better future
And we need to start right now

Make it greener, make it cleaner
Make it last, make it fast and do it now now now
We need to build a better future
And we need to start right now

No point in waiting, or hesitating
We must get wise, no more lies; do it now now now
We need to build a better future
And we need to start right now!

Repeat entire song

SOON AND VERY SOON (CLIMATE CHANGE VERSION)

Music: Andrae Crouch

Words: San Francisco Labor Chorus, Diane Beeny, Paula Rogovin

Key: E

Soon and very soon we are going to change the world.
Soon and very soon we are going to change the world.
Soon and very soon we are going to change the world.
They'll be gone forever and ever! We're going to change the world!

Soon and very soon, fossil fuels will be passé. (3X)
They'll be gone forever and ever; we're going to change the world.

No more exploding trains and no gas pipelines through our towns. (3X)
They'll be gone forever and ever; we're going to change the world.

Soon and very soon, clean energy will lead the way (3X)
It'll last forever and ever, We're going to change the world.

Soon and very soon, solar and wind will rule the day. (3X)
It'll last forever and ever; we're going to change the world.

Soon and very soon, we are going to change the world. (3X)
It'll last forever and ever! We're going to change the world!

AIN'T VOTIN' TRUMP

Words and Music by Bennet Zurofsky, 2024

Key E

CHORUS (echo first 2 lines only):

Ain't votin' Trump (ain't votin' Trump) gon' organize (gon' organize)

Ain't votin' Trump (ain't votin' Trump) gon' organize (gon' organize)

With Harris and Walz we're gonna beat that guy

Ain't votin' Trump — gon' organize

He's a con man for the 1%

He's a con man for the 1%

Defrauding the workers and the farmers too

We'll organize (Organize!); and he'll be through!

Repeat CHORUS

He's spreadin' hate, misogyny too

He raped Jean Carroll, His tradesmen were screwed

He denies he's a felon — not a thing he says is true

We'll organize (Organize!); and he'll be through!

Repeat CHORUS

He says he'll toss out the EPA's rules.

Says all we need's more fossil fuels

He promotes junk science, tries to treat us like fools,

We'll organize (Organize!); and he'll be through!

Repeat CHORUS

Trump's a fascist, in a thin disguise

A naked emp'ror, once you open your eyes

An aging narcissist, sociopathic too

We'll organize (Organize!); and he'll be through!

Repeat CHORUS

If folks unite (if folks unite) we're bound to win (we're bound to win)

If folks unite (if folks unite) we're bound to win (we're bound to win)

Just sittin' and gripin' is committin' a sin

If folks unite (Folks unite!) we're bound to win

Repeat CHORUS – Sing final line twice

MY BODY LIES UNDER INJUSTICE

Lyrics: Anonymous Pro-Choice Activists (2022)

Tune: My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean (Traditional Scottish Song - perhaps Jacobite)

My body lies under injustice,
My body is owned by the court!
My body lies under injustice,
They don't want to let me abort! (original version: "my liberty I will not thwart")

Bring back, bring back, bring back my body to me, to me!
Bring back, bring back, bring back my body to me!

My body lies in a back alley,
My choices are now so confined!
My body lies in a back alley,
My freedom I will not resign!

Bring bring back, bring back my body to me, to me!
Bring back, bring back, bring back my body to me!

My body aches under oppression
and fights to hold on to its voice.
My body aches under oppression
The only solution is choice!

Bring back, bring back, bring back my body to me, to me!
Bring back, bring back, bring back my body to me!

LET MY PEOPLE STAY!

Words: Paul Stein, 2018

Tune: "Go Down Moses" (variant), Traditional African American Spiritual

Key: Dm

Immigrants helped build this land.
Let my people stay!
Hear our voices, we demand,
Let my people stay!

Chorus (sung after every verse)

No ban! [No ban!] No wall! [No wall!]
Welcome all with love each day!
Take a stand throughout the land
Let my people stay!

See our faces proud and strong.
Let my people stay!
All faiths and colors, we belong.
Let my people stay! [chorus]

Detention is a travesty.
Let my people stay!
ICE, set our friends and families free!
Let my people stay! [chorus]

Give me your tired, give me your poor
Let my people stay!
Refugees flock to our shore.
Let my people stay! [chorus]

Together we fight bigotry.
Let my people stay!
Hate threatens peace and liberty.
Let my people stay! [chorus]

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ALL YOU FASCISTS ARE BOUND TO LOSE

Words and Music by Woody Guthrie.

Key: E

I'm gonna tell all you fascists, you may be surprised
People all over this world are getting organized
You're bound to lose
You fascists are bound to lose.

Chorus:

All you fascists are bound to lose
All you fascists bound to lose
All you fascists are bound to lose
You're bound to lose, you fascists
Bound to lose.

Race hatred cannot stop us, this one thing I know
Poll tax and Jim Crow and greed have got to go
You're bound to lose
You fascists are bound to lose.

Chorus

People of every color marching side by side
We're gonna stop you fascists, there's no place you can hide
You're bound to lose
You fascists are bound to lose.

Chorus

Repeat Last Verse

Chorus (2x)

WE'VE GOT TO KEEP OUR EYES ON THE BIG PICTURE

Words & Music by Bennet Zurofsky – May 2018

Key of C

Chorus:

(We've Got to) Keep Our Eyes On the Big Picture
We're all getting poorer as the rich get richer
The daily scandal can be a distraction
The immoral system demands our action!

They're drilling for oil and digging for coal
Corp'rate profit is their only goal
Stopping climate change requires a stand
Ban fossil fuels is our demand!

Chorus

They're building bombs and killer drones
And collecting the data from everyone's phones
The War Machine must be stopped
And we'll rejoice when their profits drop!

Chorus

Concentration of wealth is an obscenity
That can only be fatal to democracy
The wealth they hoard goes untaxed
We need to rise up and take it back!

Chorus

SOMOS EL BARCO / WE ARE THE BOAT

Lorre Wyatt, 1984

Key: D

Chorus,

Somos el barco, somos el mar,
Yo navego en ti, tu navegas en mi.
We are the boat, we are the sea.
I sail in you, you sail in me.

The stream sings it to the river;
The river sings it to the sea;
The sea sings it to the boat
That carries you and me.

Chorus

Now, the boat we are sailing in
Was built by many hands.
And the sea we are sailing on,
Touches every land.

Oh, the voyage has been long and hard,
And yet we're sailing still,
With a song to help us pull together,
If we only will.

Chorus

So with our hopes, we raise the sails
To face the winds once more.
And with our hearts, we chart the waters
Never sailed before.

Chorus

THE CHILDREN OF GAZA

Lyrics: Sally Alice Thompson (Albuquerque WILPF) & Corinne Willinger (NY Metro Raging Grannies); Third verse revised by Charles Carter & Ted Glick (2024)

Music: Paul Simon, The Sounds of Silence Key: Am

When I think of Gaza's plight
Its children haunt me day and night
All the children who are crying
All the children who are dying
And the things they've seen,
That no one should have to bear
Happening there
So filled with fear – they're silent.

Children should be having fun,
Safe place to play, safe place to run,
Wholesome food and good clean water,
Safe for parent son and daughter,
And we must hope,
And together we must strive,
Keep them alive
Not filled with fear – and silent.

Our country can't ignore
All the horrors of this war,
Let's take more actions for peace,
Ceasefire actions must increase.
We must stop
This terrible tragedy
No complacency
We must not - be silent
We need a permanent - cease fire

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We need a permanent - cease fire

HUMANITARIAN CEASE FIRE (ROUND)

Lyrics: Catherine Hunt (October 2023)

Tune: Three Blind Mice (Traditional)

Key: G

I

Cease fire now

Cease fire now

II

De-escalation

De-escalation

III

Humanitarian aid for all

Humanitarian aid for all

IV

Cease fire now

Cease fire now

WE'RE GONNA SET IT RIGHT

By Ana Hernandez (NYS PPC 2023), adapted with new lyrics by Bennet Zurofsky

There's great trouble in this land
We're gonna set it right
There's great trouble in this land
We're gonna set it right
There's great trouble in this land
We're gonna set it right
We're gonna set it right, we're gonna set it right

We need healing across this land . . .

We need clean water and healthy food . . .

We need more wetlands on our shores . . .

We need less carbon in our skies . . .

We need less plastic everywhere . . .

We need racial justice in this land . . .

We're building a movement across the land . . .