

## ***Hiroshima/Nagasaki Remembrances 2024***

Hinds Plaza, Princeton NJ, 6 p.m. 8/5/24 sponsored by Coalition for Peace Action

Montclair NJ Protest Corner, 5 p.m. 8/9/24 sponsored by NJ Peace Action

*Solidarity Singers of the NJ Industrial Union Council*

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### **DOWN BY THE RIVERSIDE**

*Traditional Black spiritual*

*Lyrics inspired by Isaiah 2:4 & Micah 4:3-4; new words added over time*

*Key: C*

Gonna lay down my sword and shield  
Down by the riverside,  
Down by the riverside,  
Down by the riverside.  
Gonna lay down my sword and shield  
Down by the riverside;  
Study war no more.

I ain't gonna study war no more;  
Ain't gonna study war no more;  
Ain't gonna study war no more.  
(Repeat)

Gonna lay down the guns and bombs  
Down by the riverside.  
(Continue as above.)

Gonna hold hands around the world,  
Down by the riverside.  
(Continue as above.)

Gonna bring all the soldiers back.

Gonna bury those atom bombs,  
[But not], not by the riverside.

Gonna build us a world of peace.

(Repeat verse one.)

## **SOON AND VERY SOON**

*Music: Andrae Crouch*

*Words: San Francisco Labor Chorus and the Solidarity Singers*

*Peace lyrics*

*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.  
It'll last forever and ever! We're going to change the world!

Soon and very soon, atomic weapons will be gone.  
Soon and very soon, atomic weapons will be gone.  
Soon and very soon, atomic weapons will be gone.  
They'll be gone forever and ever! We're going to change the world!

Soon and very soon, we will welcome refugees.  
Soon and very soon, we will welcome refugees.  
Soon and very soon, we will welcome refugees.  
They'll be welcome forever; we're going to change the world.

Soon and very soon, we'll build bridges instead of walls.  
Soon and very soon, we'll build bridges instead of walls.  
Soon and very soon, we'll build bridges instead of walls.  
Open borders forever; we're going to change the world.

Soon and very soon, peace and justice shall prevail.  
Soon and very soon, peace and justice shall prevail.  
Soon and very soon, peace and justice shall prevail.  
It'll last forever and ever! We're going to change the world!

Peace and justice forever! We're going to change the world!

## **NO MORE NUKE TESTS**

*Tune: Oh Freedom*

*Lyrics: Bennet Zurofsky & Solidarity Singers, 2000*

*Additional lyrics: Diane Beeny & Solidarity Singers, 2015*

*Key G*

No more nuke tests, (No nuke tests)  
No more nuke tests, (No nuke tests)  
No more nuke tests,  
Ban the bomb. (Ban the bomb)

*Chorus:*

We are taking a stand  
For a thermo-nuclear ban,  
And we'll work  
'Til we're all nuclear free.

*Additional verses:*

Keep the test ban (Test ban)  
Keep the test ban (Test ban)  
Keep the test ban  
Ban the bomb. (Ban the bomb).

*Chorus*

No more nuke plants (no nuke plants)  
No more nuke plants (no nuke plants)  
Now's the time to go nuclear-free.

*Chorus*

No Three Mile Islands  
Or Fukushimas  
No Zaporizhzhias anywhere  
(Anywhere).

*Chorus*

We need clean energy  
Without radioactivity  
We need safe water, soil and air  
(Soil and air).

*Chorus*

Negotiation  
Not confrontation.  
We need diplomacy, not war  
(No more war).

*Chorus*

## PEACE RAP 101

*Diane Beeny, 2004*

*Key C*

### ***Chorus:***

Lay down your swords and shields;  
Study war no more.  
Lay down your swords and shields;  
Study war no more

Drop those guns,  
Dismantle those bombs;  
Instead of hate,  
Spread peace and calm.

Shine a light,  
Teach hope, not fear;  
Study war no more.

We sure need some better solutions.  
Teach peaceful conflict resolution  
Let's have more conscious evolution.  
Study war no more.

Children and parents mourn the  
world 'round  
For all of the lives prematurely cut  
down.  
Let all the wailing confirm and  
resound  
That we'll study war no more.

### ***Chorus as above***

Bypass that local recruiting station;  
Death should cause you some  
hesitation  
And killing others real consternation.  
Study war no more.

On our youth they prey like vultures.  
Let's get the violence out of our  
culture.  
We can't keep sacrificing our future.  
Study war no more.

### ***Chorus as above***

Pollution, starvation, war and  
occupation;  
It's all a dead end destination.  
Let's turn away from this desecration  
And study war no more.

Instead of sowing hate and dissension  
Intensifying conflict past comprehension,  
Sow seeds of hope and regeneration.  
Study war no more.

### ***Final chorus:***

Lay down your swords and shields;  
Study war no more.  
Lay down your swords and shields;  
Study war no more

Drop those guns,  
And ban those bombs;  
Instead of hate,  
Spread peace and calm. (*slowly*)

Shine a light,  
Teach hope, not fear;  
Study war no more. (*slowly*)

Study War No More  
(*very slowly, each syllable separate*)

## IF YOU WANT PEACE, WORK FOR JUSTICE

*By Charlie King*

*Key: E*

*Chorus:*

If you want peace, work for justice,  
If you want peace, work for justice,  
If you want peace, work for justice,  
No justice, no peace!

You can't have peace in a world of  
hunger;  
One dog over, one dog under.  
You can't have peace in a world of  
hunger,  
Not in this world.  
Until the last chain falls  
Hunger will make slaves of us all.

*Chorus*

You can't have peace in a world of war;  
Where the rich get richer, and the poor  
stay poor.  
You can't have peace in a world of war,  
Not in this world.  
Until the last chain falls  
War will make slaves of us all.

*Chorus*

You can't have peace in a world of  
hatred;  
Your way's evil; my way's sacred.  
You can't have peace in a world of  
hatred,  
Not in this world.  
Until the last chain falls  
Hatred will make slaves of us all.

*Chorus*

You can't have peace in a world of  
violence;  
A world of terror, fear, and silence.  
You can't have peace in a world of  
violence,  
Not in this world.  
Until the last chain falls  
Violence will make slaves of us all.

*Chorus*

*Repeat last line of chorus.*

## GENBAKU O YURUSUMAGI — NEVER AGAIN THE A-BOMB

*Tune: Koji Kinoshita, Central Chorus of Japan*

*Lyrics: Ishiji Asada*

*Translation: Ewan MacColl*

*Key D Minor*

Fu-ru-sa-to no machi yaka-re  
Miyo-ri no ho-ne u-mesi yaketsuchi ni  
Ima wa si-ro-i ha-na sa-ku -  
Ah-yuru-su-maji gen-baku o  
Mi-ta-bi yu-rusu-maji gen-baku o  
Wa-re-ra no ma-chi ni

In the place where our city was destroyed,  
Where we buried the ashes of the ones that we loved;  
There the green grass grows and the white waving weeds -  
Deadly harvest of two atom bombs.  
Then brothers and sisters, you must watch and take care  
That the third atom bomb never comes.

Gentle rain gathers poison from the sky,  
And the fish carry death in the depth of the sea;  
Fishing boats are idle, their owners are blind -  
Deadly harvest of two atom bombs.  
Then landsmen and seamen you must watch and take care  
That the third atom bomb never comes.

The sky hangs like a shroud overhead,  
And the sun's in the cage of the black, lowering cloud;  
No birds fly in the leaden sky -  
Deadly harvest of two atom bombs.  
Then brothers and sisters, you must watch and take care  
That the third atom bomb never comes.

All that we have created with our hands  
And our minds for the glory of the world that we live in,  
Now it can be smashed, in a moment destroyed -  
Deadly harvest of two atom bombs.  
Then people of the world, you must watch and take care  
That the third atom bomb never comes.

*Japanese language verse repeated by two singers.*

*From Isaiah 2:4 & Micah 4:3-4*  
*English: Leah Jaffa & Fran Minkoff*  
*Key D Minor*

Lo yisa goy el goy cherev *high*  
Lo yilmedu od milchama.

Lo yisa goy el goy cherev *low*  
Lo yilmedu od milchama.

Lo yisa goy el goy cherev *high*  
Lo yilmedu od milchama.

And everyone 'neath their vine and fig tree      *low*  
Shall live in peace and unafraid.

And into plowshares beat their swords;                    *high*  
Nations shall learn war no more.

Lo yisa goy el goy cherev *low*  
Lo yilmedu od milchama.

Lo yisa goy el goy cherev *high*  
Lo yilmedu od milchama.

## **MY RAINBOW RACE**

*Pete Seeger, 1970*

*Key A*

### ***Chorus:***

One blue sky above us, one ocean lapping all our shores,  
One earth so green and round, who could ask for more?  
And because I love you, I'll give it one more try,  
To show my rainbow race it's too soon to die.

Some people live like an ostrich,  
Bury their heads in the sand.  
Some hope that plastic dreams  
Can unclench all those greedy hands.

Some people want to take the easy way,  
Poisons, bombs, they think we need 'em.  
Don't they know you can't kill all the unbelievers?  
There's no shortcut to freedom.

### ***Chorus***

Go tell, go tell all the little children.  
Tell all the mothers and fathers too.  
Now's our last chance to learn to share  
What's been given to me and you.

### ***Chorus***

### ***Add:***

And because we love you, we'll give it one more try,  
To show our rainbow race it's too soon to die.  
Let's show our rainbow race it's too soon to die.