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**The order of the songs is mostly alphabetical except where songs have been moved to allow long songs to fit on one page or avoid page turning while singing.**

### **Aint gonna study war no more**

*soprano*

lay down your sword and shield,

lay your weapons down,  
lay down your guns, by the river side

*alto and bass*

war war no more, war war no more,  
lay down your guns  
lay down your guns, by the river side

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### **Amen Siakudumisa – see We'll fight on**

### **Amandah Wei – see Freedom is coming**

### **Asikhatali**

Ah zee ka tar (le), no maz ya  
boz (zhwa),  
See see mis ay ling koo loo  
lay ko (x2)

Oon say ma lung twai lo,  
On say ma lung twai lo  
Oon fo na ma to da,  
on fo na ma to da (x2)

Te na ban twa na ba zay ah  
preeka,  
See see mees ay ling koo loo  
lay ko (x2)

We do not care if we got to  
prison, It is for freedom that  
we gladly go  
A heavy load, a heavy load,  
And it will take some real  
strength  
We are the children of Africa,  
It is for freedom that we  
gladly go.

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To wipe out the Diggers'  
claim  
Tear down their cottages,  
Destroy their corn  
They were dispersed,  
But still the vision lingers on

7. You poor take courage,  
You rich take care  
This earth was made a  
common treasury  
For everyone to share  
All things in common,  
All people one  
We come in peace –  
The order came to cut them  
down

### **Rounds**

**Break 'em on down:** Break  
'em on down these walls  
between us, break 'em on  
down..

### **Building Bridges**

**Come And Sing** (x6) for  
peace

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### **Freedom is a Song**

Low: dumb, ba dumb dumb  
dumb ba- doob dooba (x4)  
Mid: and High: Freedom is a  
Song, Freedom is a Song,  
Freedom is a spirit, of the  
people who are strong

### **Friends only love can bring peace**

so let us love with all our  
hearts  
'til our days are done  
and peace is won, 'til peace is  
won.

**Gospel Train:** This old  
gospel train has been a long  
time in a coming  
and there's noone can't afford  
it so you'd better climb  
aboard it

**Singing Freedom** (clap  
clap) gotta have Freedom  
(clap clap) gotta have  
Freedom freedom

### **Step by step**

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### **Bella Ciao**

1. Questa mattina, mi sono alzato,  
O bella ciao, bella ciao, bella ciao ciao ciao  
Questa mattina mi sono alzato  
E ho trovato l'invasor

2. O partigiano porta mi via,  
O bella ciao,etc.  
O partigiano porta mi via,  
che mi sento di morir

3. E se io muoio, de partigiano,  
O bella ciao etc.  
E se io muoio de partigiano,  
tu mi devi seppellir

4. Mi seppellirai, sulla montagna,  
O bella ciao etc.  
Mi seppellirai sulla montagna,  
sotto l'ombra d'un bel fior

5. E tutti quelli che passeranno,  
O bella ci ciao etc  
Tutti quelli che passeranno  
Mi diranno "Che bel fior"

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6. Questo e' il fiore del partigiano,  
O bella ciao etc  
Quest e' il fiore del partigiano,.morto per la liberta.

### **Bella Ciao – We Are Singing**

1. Oh we are singing against war makers, Oh Bella Ciao, Bella Ciao, Bella Ciao, Ciao, Ciao  
Oh we are singing against war makers, And we want to stop them now

2. Oh we are singing for bread and justice, Oh Bella etc.

3. Oh we are singing against all tyrants, Oh Bella etc

4. Oh we are singing for peace and freedom, Oh Bella etc.  
And we'll not be silenced now

### **Blood and Gold**

*bass:* 'Blood, blood, blood and gold' *to chorus*

1. On rides a captain and 300 soldier lads

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4. Which side are you, x2  
It's time for a decision,  
And you really have to choose  
Defend the workers' struggle,  
Or the next in line is you

### **William Brown**

*Arthur Hagg Tune: Stand and face your lover*

*Chorus:*  
*Keep that wheel a turning (x3)*  
*And do a little more each way*

1. A nice young man was William Brown,  
He worked for a wage in a northern town  
He worked from six 'til eight at night, Turning a wheel from left to right.

2. The boss one day to William came,  
And said 'Look here young what's your name!  
We're not content with what you do, so turn a little harder or out you go.

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3. So William turned and made her run,  
Three times round in the place of one,  
He turned so hard he soon was made Lord High turner of the trade.  
4. William turned with the same sweet smile,  
The goods he made grew such a pile,  
They filled the room and the room next door, And overflowed in the basement floor.

5. The nation heard the wondrous tale,  
The news appeared in the Sketch and Mail,  
The railways ran excursions down, All to see young William Brown

6. (*4 part harmony*)  
But sad the sequel is to tell,  
He turned out more than the boss could sell  
The markets slumped and the price went down,  
Seven more days and they sacked young Brown

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## Both Sides

*Lester Simpson/GeonyongLee*

1. Learning divisions both sides of deep water  
Hate without reason history forgotten
2. Hard faces trained to kill both sides of high walls  
Each side doing Gods will mea culpa Jesu
3. Rain washes all tears both sides of the border  
Wide eyed a child's fears who will care for the young ones
4. Dawn wakes both rich and poor both sides of the watch tower  
Daylight brings hope for peace may come with the new day
5. Sun shines on all those both sides of the barbed wire  
New year returns then we rejoice for the Spring comes

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## Bread and Roses

*James Oppenheim, Mimi Farina*

1. As we come 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.
2. As we come marching, marching, we battle too for men  
United in the struggle and we stand with 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
3. As we come marching, marching, unnumbered women dead  
Go crying through our singing their ancient cry for bread

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Chorus: We are all under the stars and no matter how far we are apart we are all under the stars

Sections:

ey ee ey ey ey ee ey ey ee ey ey ee ey  
except 2nd Bass starting at section 4  
du du du etc finishing with ey

**Structure:**

*During the sections between choruses the text of the UN bill of human rights/Putney debates of Levellers is read over the top of the choir.*

*The first section and chorus are sung by Sop/Alto/Tenor Bass is added at section 2; High Sop at section 3; 2nd Bass at section 4 and all sing last chorus 5*

**We'll fight on (Amen Siakudumisa)**

Caller: We'll fight on x4  
We will fight on against the cuts x2  
We will fight on x2

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We will fight on against the cuts

Caller: We won't pay  
We will not pay the bankers debts x2  
We will not pay x2  
We will not pay the bankers debts

Caller: The poorest  
Why should the poorest foot the bill x2  
Why should the poor x2  
Why should the poorest foot the bill x2

Caller: The NHS  
We will defend the NHS x2  
We will defend x2  
We will defend the NHS

**Amen Siakudumisa words**

Call:  
Masithi x3 bawox3  
bawo siakudumisa)  
Others:  
Amen Siakudumisa x2  
Amen bawo x2  
Amen Siakudumisa

**Bringing in the Sheaves**

1. Though it's way past harvest  
time

Souls still toil and wagons  
rattle

Corn still stands in rank and  
line

And defies us all

We can see it in our past

Blood will out and join the  
battle

Though we work in different  
ways

We're bringing in the sheaves

Cho: Bringing in the sheaves

We're bringing in the sheaves

Though we work in different  
ways

We're bringing in the sheaves

2. Though we started from the  
land

Some do choose to roam  
abroad

The hand upon the gliding  
plough

Is not for everyone

Changing seasons help us see

That those who hear a different  
drummer

Though not in one harmony

Are bringing in the sheaves

Cho: Bringing in the sheaves

We're bringing in the sheaves

Though not in one harmony

Are bringing in the sheaves

3. What lay dormant in the soil

Is wakened by the kiss of

summer

So the fruit of yesteryear

Becomes the year's new corn

Every stem has at its core

Part of those who went before

In turn they will be kept in

store

By bringing in the sheaves

Cho: Bringing in the sheaves

We're bringing in the sheaves

In turn they will be kept in

store

By bringing in the sheaves

4. In conclusion bear in mind

What example has begun

What you do today in kind

Has power for everyone

True strong aims will pass

along

To our daughters and our sons

So may they in years to come

Be bringing in the sheaves

The ones who work the land,

the ones who love the land,

the ones who work the land,

the ones who love the land,

the ones who work the land,

the ones who love the land

where dreams of peace are

made, I think you better ....(to

*chorus*)

**Tenors:** better watch out, (x8  
*starting at last love*)

*Add to last chorus*

**Sopranos:** Watch out! (x5,  
*last one shouted*)

**Tenors:** Rumble of war in the  
air better watch out

.....(repeat x4)

Watch o.....(shouted)

*Verse 2 (Casualties*

*seldom...): bass & tenor sing*

*'better watch out' 8 times*

*fitting exactly into the 8 bars*

*allowed; on 3rd and last*

*chorus tenors & bass sing a*

*third 'never know...marines'*

*through the bar shown as*

*rests in all parts then switch*

*to 'rumble of war...'*

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### Climate Skeptic

*Tune: What shall we do with the drunken sailor; v: unison; ch: harmony*

*Chorus: What can you do with a climate skeptic x3 in the pay of Exxon*

1. Tie up their assets in coastal property x3  
Rising expectations
2. Put 'em in a desert and ration their water x3  
We'll see how they like it.
3. Take 'em to the artic and make 'em tread water x3  
'Mongst the polar bears.
4. Lock 'em in a room with nothing but money x3  
See what good it does them
5. Make 'em explain to their children's children x3  
Why they did not care

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### Croughton balls

*Chorus: We're rambling round those Croughton balls, Oh yes Oh Today you'll hear our lusty call, Those balls have got to go*

1. Those balls are really spies you know Oh yes Oh, They intercept both friend and foe Those balls have got to go
2. These balls remind us we're in pawn Oh yes Oh To Uncle Sams inferior laws Those balls have got to go
3. For we must buy our own honour back Oh yes Oh And follow our own peaceful track, Those balls have got to go

### Coop

*dedicated to the Rochdale Pioneers - Mo Loveland (Leeds People's Choir) 2007*

- 1 . Get your groceries and fruit there: you can even buy a suit there, At the Co-op Where the service is dynamic and the produce is organic, At the Co-op

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.....**Wen' u tha yi hlome**  
*U Mandela 'u tha y hlom - e*

.....**Wen' u tha yi hlome**  
*U Mandela 'u tha y hlome hlas - ek*

**Si ya-ya, we nklonto we sizwe lusaka**

**Wen' u tha yi hlome**

**Wen' u tha yi hlome**

**Wen' u tha yi hlome**

*repeat until bass brings sop's back in singing:*

*Bass: 'u tha y hlome hlas - ek*

*Sop: Si ya-ya, we we sizwe lusa - ka*

**Wen' u tha yi hlome**

### Unison in Harmony

*Coope Boyes and Simpson*

1. Soaring skywards leaping sideways  
Do or die words cleave the air  
Joy and laughter, mornings after,  
Raise the rafters, we don't care  
If the roof's beyond repair,  
Raise the rafters, raise the rafters,  
Raise the rafters,

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we don't care if the roof's beyond repair

2. Sisters brothers to all others,  
Let that be our guiding star,  
Hearts of fire (but) no Messiah  
Hear the music from afar  
What we sing is what we are,  
Hear the music, Hear the music, from afar  
What we sing is what we are

3. Over hills and over valleys,  
Over mountain, over seas  
Nation shall sing unto nation,  
Until nations cease to be  
Unison in harmony  
until nations until nations  
Until nations cease to be,  
Unison in harmony

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### **(The) Diggers Song**

1. You noble Diggers all,  
stand up now, stand up now,  
You noble Diggers all, stand  
up now!

The wasteland to maintain,  
seeing cavaliers by name  
Your digging do disdain, and  
persons all defame,  
Stand up now, stand up now!

2. Your houses they pull  
down, stand up now, stand up  
now,

Your houses they pull down,  
stand up now!  
Your houses they pull down,  
to fright poor men in town,  
But the gentry must come  
down, and the poor shall wear  
the crown,  
Stand up now Diggers all!

3. 'Gainst lawyers and 'gainst  
priests, stand up now, stand  
up now,  
'Gainst lawyers and 'gainst  
priests, stand up now!  
For tyrants they are both, even  
flat against their oath,

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To grant us they are loath,  
free meat and drink and cloth,  
Stand up now, stand up now!

4. With spades and hoes and  
ploughs, stand up now, X2  
With spades and hoes and  
ploughs, stand up now!  
Your freedom to uphold,  
seeing cavaliers are bold  
To kill you if they could, your  
rights from you to hold,  
Stand up now, stand up now.

### **Don't fence the WTO in**

Oh, give me land, lots of land,  
lots of cash and lots of power  
Don't fence me in  
Don't you say I can't pay  
workers twenty cents an hour  
Don't fence me in  
I think it's cute to pollute, and  
so if your nation  
Bans my toxic product  
without compensation  
I can turn and sue you for  
expropriation - Don't fence  
me in  
Just turn me loose,

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Dignity, love  
And all honour defiled  
To remove reality  
From your facts on the ground  
A wall to keep distant  
The terrible sound  
Of the houses that crumble  
And the children that die  
A wall to keep separate  
The truth from the lie

4. *(all):*

They're building a wall  
And at such a cost  
Land, money and safety  
And all the lives lost  
A wall made of brick  
But bricks can be broken  
When the people of Zion  
Have finally awoken  
And said no more walls No  
more refugees  
No more keeping people  
Upon their knees  
And the history books Will  
someday recall  
Before apartheid was ended  
They were building a wall

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### **Thina Simunye**

Thina Simunye, singabamdeni  
Call: Thina Simunye

We are together, we are  
family  
Call: We are together

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## **Eh Malama**

*1st time sop; 2nd time sop+alto; 3rd time with bass then Earth and sky*

E malama i ka hay-ee-ow,  
E malama i ka hay-ee-ow,  
E malama pono i ka hay-ee-ow, E

*Basses* - E malama E,  
E malama E, E malama,  
E malama pono i ka hay-ee-ow, E

Earth and sky, Sea and stone,  
Hold this land in sacredness,  
*E – it shall be, ‘Malama’ – taking care of something precious, ‘Hay-ee-ow’ – sacred place*

## **Fair Trade Rant - Coffee Musings**

*Jane Lewis/Wendy Maddison*

### **Chorus:**

*Fair trade not free trade x3,  
Brings justice for all*

1. As you gaze into your coffee,  
Do you ever stop to muse  
Where the precious beans have come from  
That the coffee vendors use

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Do you know that someone's toiling  
In a country far away?  
But how ever hard they labour,  
Growing coffee doesnt pay.

### **Chorus**

2. For the market price has fallen,  
Almost noone wants to buy  
Paid a pittance, desperate farmers try to grasp the reasons why  
There are middle men a plenty,  
Selling beans along the chain,  
They are happy with their profits,  
Farmers' loss becomes their gain.

### **Chorus:**

3. Can you swallow this injustice,  
Do you want to show you care?  
Buying Fairtrade makes a difference,  
Check it out and make it fair. (x2)

### **Chorus:**

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## **Siya Hamba - We are Singing in the Name of Peace**

*\*Strawberry Thieves say the words in Xhosa mean ‘We are singing in the name of God. They use Siya ham b'eka meni loko lo which means ‘We are singing in the name of Peace’*

Siya hamba me ni loko lo, x4\*  
[Siya hamba hamba, siya hamba, hamba  
Siya hamba me ni loko lo x2]

We are singing in name of peace x4  
[We are singing.singing, we are singing singing  
we are singing in the name of peace x2]

justice, freedom, marching, etc.

### *French*

Nous demandons la vraie paix sur terre, x4  
[Nous demandons demandons, nous demandons, demandons  
Nous demandons la vraie paix sur terre x2]

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### *Hebrew*

Anu tzo a deem lik rat shalom x4  
[Anu tzo a, tzo a, Anu tzo a, deem  
Anu tzo a deem lik rat shalom x2]

### *Arabic*

Nasseeru min-aj-li salaam x4  
[Nasseeru (pause), Nasseeru (pause)  
Nasseeru min-aj-li aslaam x2]

### *Spanish*

Caminando a lograr la paz x4  
[Caminando, cami, Caminando, cami  
Caminando a lograr la paz x2]

## **Soyilwela**

Soyilwela Siyaweley kululey ki Africa  
*(We are fighting, We will fight till Africa is free)*

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### Farquahar's Retreat

by David Gay

1. Where ocean's waves with  
fearful sound storm fierce upon  
the shore

I weary cast my trophies down,  
for morning has ended the war

*Chorus:*

I'll fight no more to slay the  
dead but sing the rising light  
instead, [tenor: sing the rising  
light instead]

I'll weep revenge from out my  
heart, from out my heart.

And watch new day from  
darkness part - all x2

2. The salt, salt sea like tears of  
shame erodes my life away  
But I'll surrender guilt and  
blame accepting the promise of  
day

3. The wind blows soft across  
the sands where storm wracked  
plans lie lost  
Like ruined ships from foreign  
lands lie mouldering where  
they are tossed.

4. The dead mistakes of  
yesterday crowd hungry 'round  
my head

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But I'll forsake them all to  
claim the peace that is better  
than bread

### Foolish Notion

*Holly Near*

**Chorus:**

*Why do we kill people who are  
killing people to show that  
killing people is wrong,  
what a foolish notion that war  
is called devotion,  
When the greatest warriors are  
the ones who stand for peace.*

1. War toys are growing  
stronger, the problems stay the  
same.

The young ones join the army  
while general 'what's his name'  
is feeling full of pride that the  
army will provide but does he  
ask himself.....**Chorus:**

2. Death row is growing  
longer, the problems stay the  
same,

The poor ones get thrown in  
prison while warden 'what's his  
name'  
is feeling justified, but when  
will he be tried for never  
asking.....**Chorus**

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**Bass**

Wind power,  
wave power,  
sun power,  
save power  
Wind power,  
wave power,  
sun power,  
say:  
We're sorry it took so long  
for us to sing the same song  
And we still hope  
that you enjoy

Wind power,  
wave power,  
sun power,  
save power  
Wind power,  
wave power,  
sun power,  
save power  
Wind power,  
wave power,  
sun power,  
**Take power**  
Somewhere on sea

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**Sop**

We only see  
economy,  
We didn't look at  
ecology,  
Tomorrow you're  
looking to me  
for an  
apology  
We're sorry it took so long  
for us to sing the same song  
And we still hope that you  
enjoy  
your legacy.

Wind power,  
wave power,  
sun power,  
**Take power**  
Somewhere on sea

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### Granny Was A Suffragette

1. You never knew my  
 Granny, she died some years  
 ago ,  
 She lived in that old  
 folks'home in moss side, you  
 know.  
 I used to go on Sundays,  
 sometimes took the kids.  
 I was always proud of what  
 she did.  
 Granny was a suffragette -  
 over ninety five  
 Singing - votes for women is  
 just the beginning.,  
 You haven't seen anything yet  
 - Granny was a suffragette.

2. The proudest day of  
 Granny's life was when the  
 vote was won,  
 The papers said it's over; but  
 gran had just begun.  
 Her wo- men's committee  
 went on to organise.,  
 And challenged - the union-  
 the council and their lies.  
 Granny was a suffragette -  
 only five feet tall;  
 Granny was a suffragette -  
 took on city hall,

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Singing - votes for women is  
 just the beginning,  
 You haven't seen anything yet  
 - Granny was a suffragette.

3. Now here I stand so  
 proudly with my college  
 degree ,  
 And my daughters have more  
 options than Granny could  
 foresee,  
 But if you think we're  
 satisfied, take a look around,  
 There's lots of angry women  
 who won't let their Granny  
 down.  
 Granny was a suffragette - it's  
 as if she's still alive;  
 Granny was a suffragette -  
 their voices still survive,  
 Singing - votes for women is  
 just the beginning,  
 You haven't seen anything yet

4. Granny was a suffragette,  
 its as if she's still alive.  
 Granny was a suffragette,  
 their voices still survive  
 Singing - votes for women is  
 just the beginning,  
 You haven't seen anything  
 yet, Granny was a suffragette

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*Bass*  
 Oh  
 dear!

Nearly blew it, we can do it

Wind power, wave power,  
 sun power, save power  
 Wind power, wave power,  
 sun power, save power  
 Wind power,  
 wave power,  
 sun power,  
 save power

We needed them  
 to give us a lead

Every one had habits to feed

Money and votes,  
 Nobody would rock the boat  
 Now we just wish we could  
 float

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*Sop*  
 and you can grow  
 your own rice

Before the ice covers it over  
 again,  
 What happens then?

We're sorry for, we're sorry  
 for  
 We're sorry for not loving  
 tomorrow more  
 We're sorry for, we're sorry  
 for, We're sorry for  
 not loving tomorrow more  
 We needed them to give us a  
 lead,  
 they needed us to encourage  
 them  
 Everyone had habits to feed,

It was the present that worried  
 them  
 Money and votes,  
 Nobody would rock the boat  
 Now we just wish we could  
 float

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### Harriet Tubman

*Structure: v. 1, ch, v.2, ch, coda*

1. One night I dreamed I was  
in slavery, 'Bout eighteen fifty  
was the time,

Sorrow was the only sign,  
Nothing around to ease my  
mind.

Out of the night appeared a  
lady, Leading a distant  
pilgrim band.

"First mate," she yelled,  
pointing her hand,  
"Make room on board for this  
young person."

#### **Chorus:**

*Singing: Come on up, mm mm  
mm, I got a lifeline*

*Come on up to this train of  
mine*

*Come on up, mm mm mm,  
I got a lifeline*

*Come on up*

*to this train of mine.*

*She said her name was  
Harriet Tubman*

*And she drove for the  
underground railroad.*

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2. Hundreds of miles we  
travelled onward, Gathering  
slaves from town to town,  
Seeking every lost and found,  
Setting those free who once  
were bound.

Somehow my heart was  
growing weaker, I fell by the  
wayside's sinking sand.

Firmly did this lady stand,  
Lifted me up and took my  
hand.

#### **Chorus:**

**Coda:** Who are those children  
dressed in red?

They must be the ones that  
Moses led. (x2)

#### **(Not) In My Name**

Words and Music Mal Finch

1. We can see the forces  
gathering like so many times  
before

"Working for Peace," they  
say; preparing for war

They are claiming to be  
standing for democracy

But their voices would be  
silenced if democracy could  
speak...

**Chorus:** You're not doing it in  
my name (8 times altogether)

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#### **Bass**

Vrum (1 bar)

Vrum (1 bar)

brm x6 (1 bar),

brm brm brm,

Get in the car

Hit the tar, 'snot very far, here  
we are at the school,

then the pool stop at the shop  
to refuel, our

brum brum, tum tum,

yum yum, vrum vrum

4. We only see what we can  
see,

anything else is a theory,

Don't you come here

bothering me

a new doom'n'gloom

prophecy

There's room for doubt and

while the jury is out, why

should our kids do without

necessity

Job done, run run, fun fun,

sun sun,

Fly high, sigh sigh, cry cry,

Oh dear!,

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#### **Sop**

We're sorry, we're sorry we're  
so sorry

We're sorry, we're sorry we're  
so sorry

We're sorry, we're sorry we're  
so sorry

Vrum vrum,

brum brum,

tum tum,

yum yum

Vrum vrum,

brum brum,

tum tum,

yum yum

5. Wish you were  
here smelling the Mayflower  
in the hedgerow

You'd have adored hearing  
the lark on the wing.

But maybe a swamp can look  
nice

**Internationale**

*Billy Bragg/Pierre Degeyter*

1. Stand up, all victims of oppression  
 For the tyrants fear your might.  
 Don't cling so hard to your possessions  
 For you have nothing, if you have no rights.  
 Let racist ignorance be ended  
 For respect makes the empire's fall.  
 Freedom is merely privilege extended  
 Unless enjoyed by one and all

**Chorus:**  
*So come brothers and sisters for the struggle carries on.  
 The Internationale unites the world in song.  
 So, comrades, come rally for this is the time and place.  
 The international ideal unites the human race.*

2. Let no-one build walls to divide us,  
 Walls of hatred nor walls of stone.

Oh, greet the dawn and come and join us.  
 We'll live together or we'll die alone.  
 In our world, poisoned by exploitation  
 Those who have taken, now they must give.  
 And end the vanity of nations.  
 We've but one earth on which to live.....**Chorus**

3. And so begins the final drama  
 In the streets and in the fields.  
 We'll resist united 'gainst their armour.  
 We'll defy their guns and shields.  
 When we fight, provoked by their aggression,  
 Let us be inspired by life and love.  
 For, though they offer us concessions,  
 Change will not come from above

**Chorus:**

**Bass**

Sun, Mon, hum drum, numb bum,job done  
 Home run, hum drum, numb bum, yum yum  
 quick quick,  
 'electric, non-stick oil slick  
 Vrum, vrum  
 brm x6 (1 bar),  
 brm x6 (1 bar)  
 brm x6 (1 bar)  
 brm x3 (1/2bar),  
 brm x3 (1/2 bar)  
 brm x6 (1 bar) x3

brm x6 (1 bar) x4

Vrum, vrum (1 bar)  
 quick quick 'lectric non-stick oil slick

**Sops**

Like we didn't care

We're sorry, we're sorry we're so sorry  
 We're sorry, we're sorry we're so sorry,  
 We're sorry, we're sorry we're so sorry

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### **It's the same the whole world over**

*Chorus: (harmony)*

It's the same the whole world over,  
It's the poor what gets the blame,  
It's the rich what keeps the money,  
Aint it all a blooming shame?

1. (unison) It's the same the UK over,  
Cuts are coming for us all,  
Jobs and homes and schools and health care,  
We are heading for a fall.

2. (unison) We must keep the banks a-floating,  
The world will end if they go bust,  
Capital must be supported,  
The poor and young will prop them up.

*Chorus: (harmony)*

3. (unison) It's the same the UK over,  
Its the poor that gets the cuts  
And the rich still get the pickings,  
They have got us by the nuts.

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4. (unison) We must protest long and loudly,  
Demonstrate until we drop  
We must stand as one together,  
Tell them this has got to stop.

*Chorus: (harmony)*

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3. We are a land of many colours,  
and we are singing, singing for our lives  
We are a land of many colours,  
and we are singing, singing for our lives

4. We are gay and straight together,  
and we are singing, singing for our lives  
We are gay and straight together,  
and we are singing, singing for our lives

5. We are anti-nuclear people,  
and we are singing, singing for our lives  
We are anti-nuclear people,  
and we are singing, singing for our lives

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### **Sing/March on just a little while longer**

1. Sing, sing on just a little while longer  
If we sing, sing on just a little while longer  
If we sing, sing on just a little while longer  
Oh yeah - Everything is gonna be all right  
I know that everything is gonna be all right

2. March, march on just a little while longer  
If we march, march on just a little while longer  
If we march, march on just a little while longer  
Oh yeah - Everything is gonna be all right  
I know that everything is gonna be all right

3. Dance on  
Fight on  
Strike on etc.

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### Joe Hill

Alfred Hayes/Earl Robinson

*Soprano, Alto  
Tenor except  
v.1* **Bass, Ten  
verse 1 only**  
....

1. I dreamed I  
saw Joe Hill  
last night  
Alive as you or  
me

**Alive, alive  
as you or  
me.**

Says I, "But  
Joe, you're ten  
years dead."  
"I never died,"  
says he

**Bass:  
"I never  
died,".  
Ten: "I  
never never  
died" says  
he  
"I never  
never died,"  
Bass only**

2. "In Salt Lake  
City Joe" says  
I,  
him standing  
by my bed",

**him  
standing by  
my bed, my  
bed,**

"They framed  
you on a  
murder charge"  
says Joe, "But I  
ain't dead." **says Joe,  
"But I ain't  
dead."**

Says Joe, "But  
I ain't dead." **but I ain't  
dead."**

3. "The copper  
bosses killed  
you, Joe.

They shot you,  
Joe," says I **They shot  
you,  
Joe,"says I,  
says I.**

"Takes more  
than guns to  
kill a man,  
Says Joe, "I  
didn't die."  
Says Joe, "I  
didn't die." **Says Joe, "I  
didn't die."  
I didn't  
die."**

4. And  
standing there  
as big as life  
And smiling  
with his eyes, **And  
smiling,  
smiling with  
his eyes**

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4. The frost lies on the  
hedgerows and the icy winds  
do blow  
While we poor weary  
labourers strive through the  
driving snow.  
Our dreams fly up to glory -  
up where larks have flown.  
When we go rolling home,  
when we go rolling home.

### Chorus:

5. So pass the bottle round  
and let the toast go free.  
Here's a health to every  
labourer wherever they may  
be.  
Fair wages now and ever. Lets  
reap what we have sown.  
When we go rolling home,  
when we go roiling home.

### Chorus:

### Rosa Parks

Words and music Polly  
Bolton

Structure: A, B, A, C, A,  
B&C together, A, Coda

A section

Oh Rosa Parks, she would not  
stand for the white folk  
I said Oh Rosa Parks, she  
would not stand on the bus x2  
B section  
Oh what a difference that  
woman made x4

### C section

I'm gonna sit, I'm gonna sit at  
the front of the bus  
Ain't gonna stand, ain't gonna  
stand at the back of the bus  
Ain't gonna stand, ain't gonna  
stand at the back of the bus  
I'm gonna sit, I'm gonna sit at  
the front of the bus

### Coda

She would not stand  
Oh she would not stand  
No she would not stand on the  
bus

### Senzenina

1: Sensenina, rpt x8  
2: Senzenina  
3: Son Sethu. Ubumnyama  
4: Sono sabo. Ubumnyama  
5: Wenzenina U Mandela  
6: Benzenina abansundu  
7: Amabhunu azizindja  
8: Babulaleni bonke

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## La Lega

1. Although we are but women  
We are not afraid,  
For the sake of our children,  
For the sake of our children  
Although we are but women,  
We are not afraid,  
For the sake of our children,  
Our union will be made Hey!

Chorus Oh lio lio la,  
e la lega crescera  
E noi altri socialisti,  
E noi altri socialisti  
Oh lio lio la, e la lega crescera  
E noi altri socialisti,  
Vogliamo la liberta

2. But liberty will not come,  
Because we're not united  
The blacklegs with the bosses,  
The blacklegs with the bosses,  
But liberty will not come,  
Because we're not united  
The blacklegs with the bosses,  
They must be defeated.

3. We women are united, We  
are not afraid  
We have our defences. We  
have our defences.

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We women are united, We are  
not afraid  
We have our defences. Our  
tongues are sharp as blades,  
Hey

4. And you, men fine and  
dandy, proud as any peacock  
Forget your self importance,  
Forget your self importance,  
And you, men fine and dandy,  
proud as any peacock  
Forget your self importance,  
And open up your cheque  
books.

## Levellers Day Song

1. All: We fought for world  
where all people could be free,  
We fought in the Civil War  
*Tenors:* To end the power of  
the King and Lords,  
*Others:* ooh, ooh, ooh, ooh.  
*All:* Let Parliament rule for all,  
*Bass:* As the war went on the  
rules seemed to change and the  
generals words were lies,  
*Others:* Levellers marching,  
levellers marching, levellers  
marching, ooh  
*Sops:* We gathered and grew,  
one thousand strong

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We'll face a better future and  
the storm we'll ride.  
We'll finish what we started,  
go on as we begin,  
We've only chains to lose and  
all the world to win....  
And there is....

## Pay Me My Money Down

*Arr.: Donald J Hughes*

1. I thought I heard the captain  
say, Pay me my money down  
Tomorrow is our sailing day,  
Pay me my money down.

### Chorus:

*Pay me, oh pay me, Pay me my  
money down,  
Pay me or go to jail, pay me  
my money down*

2. As soon as the boat was  
clear of the bar  
He knocked me down with the  
end of the spar

3. I wish I was Mr Howard's  
son  
Sit in the house and drink good  
rum

4. Well, I wish I was Mr  
Steven's son

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Sit on the bank and watch the  
work done

## Right To Life - (Land Rights)

*Phyl Lobl arr. Terry Clinton*

1. Land Rights, it needs them,  
Land Rights, it needs them,  
Land Rights, it needs them,  
Land has a right to survive

### Chorus:

*If you love the land you'll give  
it rights, If you love the land,  
you'll fight the fights,  
If you love the land you'll save  
the sights, Land has a right to  
survive*

2. Forests it feeds them,  
Forests it feeds them  
Forests it feeds them,

### Chorus:

3. Rivers, it needs them,  
Rivers, it needs them,  
Rivers, it needs them, Land  
has a right to survive

### Chorus:

4. Kyoto, let's do it...etc.  
5. Land Rights...etc.  
6. Koories they know it...etc.  
*End with chorus x2, 1st time  
soft, 2nd loud*

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## **Mevi Lyetu**

1. Mevi mevi lyetu afurica,  
Omuna omuna wa he pe ko  
Taga ningwa Taga ningilwa  
owina, opo opotu kolonye  
kway  
Tala Tala utal e nawa, tale  
thimbo thimbo lya lundulu ka  
Linombepo, Linom bepoye taye  
pepe Mbepo Mbepo  
yemonguluko

2. Ngele, Mozambique na  
Angola, Yamona Yamone  
mangulu ko  
Molwashi ka, Namibia na  
Sahara,  
Itaya, Itaya mangulu ka Tala,  
tala ut al e nawa,  
Tale thimbo thimbo  
lyalunduluka  
Ukoloni, Ukoloniton te ka A  
luta Aluta, continua

## **Life's Purpose**

(H.W. Longfellow)

1. Tell me not in mournful  
numbers, life is but an empty  
dream  
For the soul is dead that  
slumbers, (tenor: dead that  
slumbers)

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and things are not what they  
seem  
For the soul is dead that  
slumbers, (tenor: dead that  
slumbers)  
and things are not what they  
seem, things are not what they  
seem.

2. Life is real, life is earnest,  
and the grave is not its goal  
Dust thou are, to dust returnest,  
(tenor: dust returnest)  
was not spoken of the soul.  
Dust thou are, to dust returnest,  
(tenor: dust returnest)  
was not spoken of the soul, was  
not spoken of the soul.

3. Not enjoyment, and not  
sorrow, Is our destined end or  
way  
But to act, that each tomorrow,  
(tenor: each tomorrow)  
Find us farther than today,  
But to act, that each tomorrow,  
(tenor: each tomorrow)  
Find us farther than today, Find  
us farther than today.

4. Lives of great men all  
remind us, we can make our  
lives sublime

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And departing leave behind us,  
(Tenor: leave behind us)  
Footprints on the sands of time.  
And departing leave behind us,  
(Tenor: leave behind us)  
Footprints on the sands of time,  
footprints on the sands of time

5. Let us then be up and doing,  
with a heart for any fate  
Still achieving still pursuing,  
(Tenor: still pursuing)  
Learn to labor and to wait.  
Still achieving still pursuing,  
(Tenor: still pursuing)  
Learn to labor and to wait,  
Learn to labor and to wait

## **Nkosi Sikelela Afrika**

Nkosi sikelel' iafrika  
Maluphakanyisw'uphondo  
lwayo

Yizwa imithandazo yethu

1. Nkosi sikelela, nkosi  
sikelela
2. Nkosi sikelela, Thina  
lusapho lwayo.

Woza Moya (sikelela Nkosi  
sikelela)

Woza Moya Oyingewe.  
Nkosi sikelela, Thina lusapho  
lwayo.

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Morena boloka sechaba sa heso  
O fedise dintwa le  
Matswenyeho  
O se boloke (2nd tirne O se  
boloke Morena)  
Sechaba sa heso  
Sechaba sa Afrika  
Makube njalo kude kube  
nguna phakade.  
*Pronunciation: 'u' pron. 'oo';  
'ph' pron. 'p'; 'th' pron. 't'; 'c'  
pron. as a 'tut' sound; 'a'  
pron. 'ah'.*

Lord bless Africa, Let its horn  
be raised  
Listen also to our prayers, Lord  
bless us, We, the family of  
(Africa).

Come Spirit, Come Holy Spirit  
Lord bless us, we, the family of  
Africa.  
Lord bless our nation, Stop  
wars and suffering  
Save it, Lord, Our nation, The  
African nation,  
Let it be so for ever.