

ANSWER WITH A SONG

by Stuart Stotts

When the cops start shouting, we
will still be strong (3x)
We will answer — with a song.

When they rig the justice system...
When the paddy wagons show up...
When they try to provoke us...
When fear starts creeping in...
When they try to divide us...

CARRY IT ON by Gill Turner

There's a friend by my side walking,
There's a voice inside me talking,
There's a word that needs a-saying,
Carry it on. (4x)

They will tell their lying stories,
Send their dogs to bite our bodies,
They will lock us in their prisons,
But we carry it on, carry it on (3x)

All their lies will turn to silence,
All their dogs will turn from violence
All their prison walls will crumble,
If we carry it on, carry it on (3x)

If you can't go on any longer,
Take the hand of your sister & brother,
Every victory's gonna bring another!
So we carry it on, carry it on. (2x)

AIN'T GONNA LET NOBODY

Ain't gonna let nobody
turn me around (3x)
Ain't gonna let nobody
turn me around,
Gonna keep on a-walkin',
keep on a-talkin',
Gonna build a better world.

Ain't gonna let no racism... no
sexism...homophobia... no
provocateurs...no 1%...no grand
juries...

DOWN BY THE RIVERSIDE

Gonna stand up for Michael Brown,
Down by the riverside... (3x)
Gonna stand up for Michael Brown,
Gonna study war no more.

Chorus

I ain't gonna study war no more. (6x)

Gonna stand (up) for Eric Garner,
Trayvon Martin, Sandra Bland,
Walter Scott, Oscar Grant, Freddie
Gray, Tamir Rice, Laquon
MacDonald, Mario Woods ...
Gonna stand by my brothers...
Gonna stand by my sisters...
Gonna stand up to police power...
Gonna make it safe for everyone...

I CAN'T BREATHE

I can hear my neighbor crying "I can't breathe."
Now I'm in the struggle, and I can't leave
Calling out the violence of the racist police
We ain't gonna stop till people are free OR
We ain't gonna stop till we get justice done.

NEVER TURNING BACK

by Pat Humphries

[We're] Gonna keep on walking forward,
Keep on walking forward, (2x)
Never turning back. (2x)

Gonna keep on walking proudly,
Keep on walking proudly, (2x)
Never...

Gonna keep on singing loudly...
Gonna reach across our borders...
Gonna keep on loving boldly...
Gonna work for change together...
Gonna show our children courage...
Gonna live with peaceful justice...

IT ISN'T NICE

by Malvina Reynolds, new verses
by Reggie Harris and Joel Landy

It isn't nice to block the doorway,
It isn't nice to go to jail,
There are nicer ways to do it,
But the nice ways always fail.
It isn't nice, it isn't nice,
You told us once, you told us twice,
But if that is freedom's price,
We don't mind (we don't mind).

It isn't nice to carry banners,
Or to sit in on the floor,
Or to shout our cry of "Freedom!"
At the hotel and the store.
It isn't nice, it isn't nice,
You told us once, you told us twice,
But if that is freedom's price,
We don't mind (we don't mind).

We try to let the courts decide it
When the cops just shoot us down,
But we simply can't abide it
When no justice can be found.
You say that we don't make it right
By marching out here day and night,
But if that is freedom's price,
we don't mind!

It isn't nice to shout for justice,
It isn't nice to make demands,
Or to gather by the thousands
No matter what the law commands.
It isn't nice, it isn't nice,
Well, thanks for your advice!
Cause if that is freedom's price,
we don't mind.

THIS LITTLE LIGHT

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let
it shine, (3x)
Let it shine. (3x)

This affects each one of us...
Black and white together...
Silence will not save us...
Make it safe for everyone...
No more mass incarceration...
Free Marissa Alexander...

WE SHALL NOT BE MOVED

Black lives matter,
We shall not be moved.
Black lives matter,
We shall not be moved.
Just like a tree
that's standing by the water,
We shall not be moved.

_____ matters...
Michael Brown, Eric Garner,
Trayvon Martin, Sandra Bland,
Walter Scott, Oscar Grant, Freddie
Gray, Tamir Rice, Laquon
MacDonald, Mario Woods
We will not be silent...
No more grand juries...
Stand up for the children...
Make police accountable...

Unidos en la lucha, no nos
moverán. (2x)
Cómo un árbol firme junto al río,
no nos moverán.

No, no, no nos moverán (2x)
Cómo un árbol firme junto al río,
no nos moverán.

WE WHO BELIEVE IN FREEDOM (Ella's Song)

by Bernice Johnson Reagon

Chorus

We who believe in freedom cannot rest,
We who believe in freedom cannot
rest until it comes.

Until the killing of Black men,
Black mothers' sons,
Is as important as the killing of
white men,
White mothers' sons.

That which touches me most
Is the chance to work with people,
Passing on to others,
That which was passed on to me.

To me young people come first,
They have the courage where we fail,
And if I can shed some light
As they carry us through the gale

To me, Marissa is a hero,
She had the courage to stand her
ground,
We stand with her in her fight for
justice,
It's time to turn this system around.

The older I get, the better I know
that the secret of my going on,
Is when the reins are in--
the hands of the young,
Who dare to run against the storm.

WHEN THE SAINTS

When we rise up and change the world (2x)

Oh, how I want to be in that number

When we rise up and change the world.

Oh, when we march for human rights...

When we make peace instead of war...

When streets are safe for young black men...

When women walk out safe at night...

When we build schools instead of jails...

When neighborhoods are free from fear...