

Occupella Activist Sing-Along February 2, 2020

Opening song: Ain't Gonna Let Nobody

Intro to program (Eric) and physical warm-up (Becca)

Zipper song: Meeting at the Crossroads

Occupy history set:

Take Me Out of the Big Banks

Occupy Pie

Tax the Millionaire

Zipper Song: Singing for our Lives (aka Gentle, Angry People)

Solo by Becca – Don't Look Away

Climate set:

Do It Now

Zipper Song: We'll Be Ending Oil Dependence

We are Gonna Stop the Fracking

Just a Dinosaur

Growin' Climate Movement

Fundraising pitch

Immigrant/refugee set:

No Wall, No Ban

Zipper Song: We Shall Not Be Moved

What Child Is This?

Zipper Song: When We Rise Up

Solo by Leslie - Put It On the Ground

Other issues set:

Which Side Are You On?

Raise the Minimum Wage

Imagine You Have Health Care

Pay Up Your Corporate Tax

I Can't Breathe

Solidarity Forever

Ending songs:

Zipper Song: Never Turning Back

Zipper Song: Come & Go With Me

Circle Round

AIN'T GONNA LET NOBODY TURN ME AROUND

(Am capo 3)

Intro: Cm G Cm-G-Cm

Cm (Am) G7 (E7) Cm (Am)
Ain't gonna let nobody turn me around, turn me around, turn me around,
Cm (Am)
Ain't gonna let nobody turn me around,
G7 (E7) Cm (Am)
Gonna keep on a-walkin', keep on a-talkin', gonna build a better world.

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| 1. Climate deniers | 5. No sexism |
| 2. Big O-il | 6. Xenophobia |
| 3. No 1% | 7. No NRA |
| 4. No racism | 8. Mitch McConnell |

MEETING AT THE CROSSROADS (Tune: Meeting at the Building by Leadbelly; adapted and lyrics by Bonnie Lockhart)

C	Substitute for "Meeting"
Meeting at the crossroads	Women
G C	Organize
Come on over, come on over, come on over	Singing
Meeting at the crossroads, come on over	Power
G C	
All over this world.	

F
Meeting here for gender justice
C
Meeting here for racial justice
G
Meeting here for climate justice
C
Economic justice too.

TAKE ME OUT OF THE BIG BANKS (Tune: Take Me Out to the Ball Game; lyrics by Betsy Rose)

Intro: B7 E7 A

A E
Take me out of the big banks,
A E
Take me out of their game,
F#7 Bm
The credit union can have my dough,
B7 E
I'll cut up my credit cards, pay as I go
A E
And it's root root root for the small banks,
A D
Let's give them our business and thanks,
D B7/D# A/E F#7
And it's 1, 2, 3 million more,
B7 E7 A
And we'll close big banks!

Let's go occupy Wall Street
In every city and town
We'll occupy houses the banks foreclosed
Make sure that no one's left out in the cold
And it's root, root, root for the new world
We're building right here today
And its 1, 2, 3 billion more! It's a new ball game.

OCCUPY PIE (Tune: Da Do Ron Ron by Jeff Barry, Ellie Greenwich, Phil Spector; lyrics: Nancy Schimmel)

Intro: D G A D

D G
We're tired of the cycles of boom and bust,

A D
We'll occupy-pie, we'll occupy.

G
The dough is only rising for the upper crust,

A D
We'll occupy-pie, we'll occupy.

G
Oh, the boom and bust,

D A
Oh, the upper crust,

D G
And if you take our homes

A D
We'll occupy-pie, we'll occupy.

It isn't cherry and it isn't lime,
It's occupy-pie, it's occupy.
It's your just deserts and it's just in time,
It's occupy-pie, it's occupy.

Oh, it isn't lime,
Oh, it's just in time,
If you take our homes
We'll occupy-pie, we'll occupy.

There's a slice for you and a slice for me,
It's occupy-pie, it's occupy.
This here pie will set the people free,
It's occupy-pie, it's occupy.

Oh, a slice for me, Repeat verse
Oh, set the people free,
And if you take our homes
We'll occupy-pie, we'll occupy. Last time X3

TAX THE MILLIONAIRE (Tune: Blowin' in the Wind by Bob Dylan; lyrics by Bonnie Lockhart)

Intro: F G C

C F C Am
How many billions must some people have,

C F C G
before they will pay a fair tax?

C F C Am
Yes, and how many teachers were laid off this year

C F G
in ever-increasing cutbacks?

C F C Am
Yes, and how many pensions will public servants lose,

C F G
in well-funded corporate attacks?

F G C Am
The answer is fair, it's tax the millionaire

F G C
The answer is tax the millionaire

How many mansions must one man have,
before he's required to share?

Yes, and how many people are homeless tonight,
as shelters go broke everywhere?

Yes, and how many times will the CEO brag,
it's his right to remain a billionaire?

The answer is fair, it's tax the millionaire

The answer is tax the millionaire

How many lawyers will Chase Bank employ,
to make sure their tax is deferred?

Yes, and how many books will the B of A cook,
so their tax-free condition's assured?

Yes, and how many loopholes will Wells Fargo find,
while their profits from jails are absurd?

The answer is fair, it's tax the millionaire

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SINGING FOR OUR LIVES by Holly Near

D G D G D A D A
We are a gentle angry people and we are singing, singing for our lives.

D G D G D A D
We are a gentle angry people and we are singing, singing for our lives.

We are a land of many colors
We are young and old together
Gay and straight together
We are a justice seeking people

DON'T LOOK AWAY (Becca Stuhlberg)

Am Dm
Children in cages, don't look away,
Am E7
Environmental destruction, don't look away
Am Dm
The Mueller report, don't look away
Am E7 Am
Get him out of office.

Russian collusion, don't look away, Human rights violations, don't look away
Election corruption, don't look away, Get him out of office.

Chorus

C Dm A,
It's just too easy to go about our lives
C Dm Am E7
Business as usual, just another genocide

Pussy grabber, don't look away, Tax evader, don't look away
Racist bullshit, don't look away, Get him out of office.

Chorus

Climate denier, don't look away, Repealing protections, don't look away
We've had enough, don't look away
Get him out of office. (x3)

DO IT NOW (Bella Ciao, new words by Sing for the Climate)

(Am with capo 3)

Intro: Cm G Cm-G-Cm

Cm (Am)

We need to wake up, we need to wise up,

We need to open our eyes and do it now, now, now!

Fm (Dm) Cm (Am) G (E) Cm (Am)

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 to their lies and do it now, now, now!

We need to build a better future, and we need to start right now! (2x)

WE'LL BE ENDING OIL DEPENDENCE (She'll Be Comin' Round the Mountain)

Intro: D A D

D

We'll be ending oil dependence when we come

A

We'll be ending oil dependence when we come

D

G

We'll be ending oil dependence, we'll be ending oil dependence

A

D

We'll be ending oil dependence when we come

2. Saying "no" to fracking
3. Subsidizing solar
4. Funding green jobs
5. Curbing our consumption
6. Riding in the bike lanes
7. Challenging the power

WE ARE GONNA STOP THE FRACKING (Tune: I've Been Working on the Railroad, lyrics by Jack Lucero Fleck, Leslie Hassberg)

Intro: F G C

C F C
We are gonna stop the fracking, all the livelong day,
D G
We are gonna stop the fracking and make polluters pay,
C F E
Can't you see the climate changing? Dirty oil your time is done,
F C D7/F# C/G G C
Can't you see the clean solution? Water, wind and sun!

F
Water wind and sun, water wind and sun,
G C G7 C
Water wind and sun, your time has come!

F
Water wind and sun, water wind and sun,
G7 C
Dirty oil your time is done!

Someone's in the backroom with big oil,

G
Someone's in the backroom we know---
C F G7 C
Someone's in the backroom with big oil, to Jordan Cove we just say "No!"

G7

And we say:

C G
Fee, fie, fracking's got to go, fee fie, fracking's got to go-o-o-o
C F G7 C
Fee, fie, fracking's got to go, to Jordan Cove we just say "No!"

JUST A DINOSAUR (Lyrics by Bonnie Lockhart; chorus to Hard, Ain't It Hard (Woody Guthrie); verse to New River Train, traditional)

Chorus

C F C G
It's hard, ain't it hard, ain't it hard, ya can't get easy oil anymore,
C F C G C
It's hard, ain't it hard, ain't it hard, great God! 'cause fossil fuel is just a dinosaur.

C G
Darlin' you can't drill in the sea, Darlin' you can't drill in the sea,
C F
If you drill in the sea, just remember BP!
C G C
Darlin' you can't drill in the sea.

Darlin' you can't pump the Tar Sands, (2x)
If you pump the Tar Sands you pollute the heartlands,
Darlin' you can't pump the Tar Sands.

Chorus

Darlin' you can't drill the North Slope, (2x)
If you drill the North Slope people rise up and say "Nope!"
Darlin' you can't drill the North Slope.

Darlin' you can't take it from Iraq, (2x)
If you take it from Iraq there is major blow back,
Darlin' you can't take it from Iraq.

Chorus

Darlin' you can't frack natural gas, (2x)
If you frack natural gas, that's a gas we ought to pass!
Darlin' you can't frack natural gas.

Darlin' you can't drill anywhere, (2x)
You can't drill anywhere, there's too much carbon in the air,
Darlin' you can't drill anywhere.

Chorus

GROWIN' CLIMATE MOVEMENT

(Proud Mary by John Fogerty, lyrics: Bonnie Lockhart)

Intro, after each chorus and tag

C – A – C – A – C – A-G-F - D

D (entire verse)

If you go down to Zenith,
Bet you're gonna find some people who care
People need the power, got to seize the hour
Washington and Portland and everywhere!

Chorus

A Bm
Big Oil can't keep burnin', We got the tide a'turnin'
D C D
Growin', Growin, Growin' climate movement (2x)

We can make jobs in the city
We don't have to burn those fossil fuels!
There is wealth aplenty, use it for the many
One percent won't keep | on makin' rules

(Chorus)

We got imagination
We can build up new technology
With a common vision, make a just transition
Workplaces with real democracy.

(Chorus)

NO WALL NO BAN (by Ellie Grace, adapted by Bonnie Lockhart)

(a cappella, key of C)

No wall, no ban on this stolen land.) 2x
We say no ban, no wall, we will welcome all.)

And we will show up, and we will rise!
Shout it from the mountain, sing it to the skies,
And we will speak up loud and clear
All creation is welcome here!

We say: No wall, no ban on this stolen land.) 2x
We say no ban, no wall, we will welcome all.)

WE SHALL NOT BE MOVED

Intro: D A D

D A D D7
We shall not, we shall not be moved, we shall not, we shall not be moved,
G D
Just like a tree that's standing by the water,
A D
We shall not be moved.

No human is illegal
Protest all ICE detentions,
Support our immigrant neighbors
Keep defending DACA

Spanish verses and chorus

Basta con la migra, no nos moverán (x2)
Como un árbol, firme junto al río,
No nos moverán.

Unidos en la lucha, no nos moverán (x2)
Como un árbol, firme junto al río,
No nos moverán.

Bonus verse and chorus

He who shall be nameless, he shall be removed (2x)
Just like the scum that's floating on the water, he shall be removed.

WHAT CHILD IS THIS? (Tune: Greensleeves; lyrics: Mary Lyon and Leslie Hassberg)

Intro: Dm Dm

 Dm C
What child is this? A refugee,
Bb A
Forcibly taken from mom and dad
 Dm C
Locked in a cage in a strange new land.
Dm A Dm
Is this what we want in America?

F C
Please, please, we must rescue them,
Bb A
These immigrant children so innocent.
F C
Reunite them with family,
Dm A7 Dm
And help them find comfort and safety.

What child is this, locked up and abused,
For trying to flee to America?
Escaping violence and poverty,
Is this what we do to our children?

Please, please, get them out of jail,
These immigrant children, and grownups, too.
Stand up and say, "Never again!"
Homeland Security – shame on you!

WHEN WE RISE UP (Tune: When the Saints Go Marching In)

Intro: C G C-G-C

C

When we rise up and change the world

G

When we rise up and change the world

C C7 F Fm

Oh how I want to be in that number

C G C

When we rise up and change the world.

When we stand up for human rights

When all the children are released

When immigrants are welcomed here

When we embrace all refugees

When we build schools instead of jails

When we make peace instead of war

When we build true democracy

PUT IT ON THE GROUND (Music: Bill Wolff; original lyrics: Ray Glaser; new lyrics: Leslie Hassberg)

Chorus (acting this out highly encouraged!)

C

F

Put it on the ground, spread it all around,

G

C

Dig it with a hoe – it will make your flowers grow!

WHICH SIDE ARE YOU ON? (Lyrics by Monique Doryland, Leslie Hassberg, Betsy Rose, Susan Berger)

Intro: Gm D7 Gm

Gm F Gm
Kids are gunned down in their schools and we are horrified,
F Gm D7 Gm
Now all their friends are rising up, we're standing by their side.

Chorus

Gm D7 Gm
Which side are you on? Which side are you on? (2x)

We need to change the gun laws, and change our culture, too,
When violence is glorified, you know what some will do.

The folks who make and sell the guns, their profits are obscene,
They buy our politicians and dismiss the people's fears.

The NRA is powerful and Fox News spreads their lies,
We're calling out the hate and greed, we have to organize!

This land was claimed by genocide, the Native people paid,
The legacy of slavery still haunts us to this day.

No one should have to live in fear, our norms are breaking down,
Guns are not the answer – let's turn this shit around!

RAISE THE MINIMUM WAGE (Tune: Iko, Iko - New Orleans street melody as recorded by the Dixie Cups; lyrics by Bonnie Lockhart)

Intro: C G C

Chorus

C
[Talkin' 'bout] Hey now! Hey now!

G
Raise the minimum wage
'Round the country the people say:

C
Raise the minimum wage.

My grown daughter, your grown son, going deep in debt
Cannot pay their student loans on the wages they get.

My grown daughter, your grown son, threatened with foreclosure
If Walmart will not raise their wage, I might lose my composure.

Chorus

You can't save but one thin dime, when your paycheck's measly
One percent's so filthy rich; they could fix that eas'ly.

Childcare, food and medicines, then your paycheck's spent
Low wage workers can't afford t' pay their Portland rent.

Chorus

Big box workers need food stamps; I think that's a crime!
Living wages! Benefits! Good jobs paid full time!

Chorus

IMAGINE YOU HAVE HEALTH CARE (Music: John Lennon; new lyrics: Charlie King)

(D Capo 3)

F(D) FM7(DM7) Bb(G) F(D) FM7(DM7) Bb(G)

Imagine you have healthcare, It's easy if you try

F(D) FM7(DM7) Bb(G) F(D) FM7(DM7) Bb(G)

Freedom to choose your doctor, coverage money can't buy

Bb(G) Bb/A(G/F#) Gm(Em) C(A)

Imagine first class treatment when you're unemployed. (No ~~ooh-ooh~~)

Imagine no insurance, no greedy middleman

No premium, no co-pay, a single payer plan

Imagine a long illness and you don't lose your home

Chorus

Bb(G) C(A) F(D) A(F#)

You may say I'm a dreamer,

Bb(G) C(A) F(D) A(F#)

I'm not dreaming by myself

Bb(G) C(A) F(D) A(F#)

I hope someday you'll join us

Bb(G) C(A) F(D)

And the world can live in health

Can you say "Universal?" I wonder if you can

Now try "Comprehensive." Does that sound like a plan?

It's worked for years in Europe, Canada & Japan.

CHORUS

SOLIDARITY FOREVER (Battle Hymn of the Republic; lyrics by Ralph Chaplin except as noted)

Intro: A B7 E

E

When the union's inspiration through the workers' blood shall run,

A

E

B7

There can be no power greater anywhere beneath the sun;

E

G#

C#m

Yet what force on earth is weaker than the feeble strength of one,

A

B7

E

But the union makes us strong.

CHORUS

E

A

E

Solidarity forever, solidarity forever,

G# C#

A

B7

E

Solidarity fore - ver, for the union makes us strong.

They have taken untold millions that they never toiled to earn,
But without our brain and muscle not a single wheel can turn.
We can break their haughty power, gain our freedom when we learn
That the union makes us strong.

It is we who flip the burgers, fill the drinks and fry the fries,
While our managers cut hours and hide overtime with lies,
When we can't support our families, your taxes subsidize,
With a union we'd be strong. (Leslie Hassberg)

Chorus

They divide us by our color; they divide us by our tongue,
They divide us men and women; they divide us old and young,
But they'll tremble at our voices, when they hear these verses sung,
For the Union makes us strong! (Steve Suffet)

In our hands is placed a power greater than their hoarded gold,
Greater than the might of armies, magnified a thousand-fold.
We can bring to birth a new world from the ashes of the old
For the union makes us strong.

NEVER TURNING BACK (Pat Humphries)

(a cappella, starting pitch: Db)

[Gonna] keep on moving forward, (3x)

Never turning back (2x)

Keep on singing loudly
Reach across our borders
Work for change together
Show our children courage
Organize our neighbors
Fight for our democracy

COME & GO WITH ME TO THAT LAND

Intro: D A D-G-D

 D D7 G D
Come and go with me to that land, come and go with me to that land,

 D A
Come and go with me to that land where I'm bound (where I'm bound)

 D D7 G D
Come and go with me to that land, come and go with me to that land,

 A D G D
Come and go with me to that land where I'm bound (where I'm bound)

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| 1. Green New Deal | 5. Union rights |
| 2. Climate justice | 6. Voting rights |
| 3. Single payer | 7. True <u>dem</u> ocracy |
| 4. Free tuition | |

CIRCLE ROUND FOR FREEDOM (Linda Hirschhorn)

(a cappella; starting pitch: B (G chord))

Circle round for freedom,
Circle round for peace
For all of us imprisoned,
Circle for release
Circle for the planet,
Circle for each soul
For the children of our children,
Keep the circle whole.