

Song Lyrics
Assembled by Harmonic Intervention

1. Now is the Time
by Alli Starr

Now is the time to rise up
People never, never give up
Time to know our own history
Freedom never came for free

2. Tall with Courage
by Alli Starr for the activists going to the DNC

We are standing tall with courage
Can't stop now, won't be discouraged
Their fear and violence won't crush our spirit
The people are rising, now can you hear it

(chorus-tempo picks up)
Because we know we're standing for the truth
Because we know we're doing what's right
Because we know we're doing what we must do
Because it may take our whole lives

We'll be speaking truth to power
We're growing stronger hour by hour
Their locks and chains won't keep us bound
Their prison wall will all come down

Exposing their hypocrisy
Shining light for all to see
Sold out prophets try to disguise
We won't succumb to their lies

(chorus)

3. Rise Up
by Harmonic Intervention

Rise up, keep the spirit alive
Come together, got to fight (love) to survive
Rise up, we don't have long
Come together, keep our movement strong

4. We Have Come Too Far
from a poem by June Jordan
tune by Harmonic Intervention

We have come too far
We won't turn around
We'll flood the streets with justice
We are freedom bound

5. I Don't Know
by Alli Starr and Harmonic Intervention

I don't know when justice gonna come
I don't know when freedom will be won
I just know gonna take everyone
I just know our work is far from done

6. Dancing on the Ruins of the World Trade Organization
(originally, ...Multinational Corporations)
by Casey McNeil-words adapted by Leoni

(chorus)
We're dancing on the ruins of the World Trade Organization
(repeat 3x, then Ha, Ha, Ha, Ha, Ha)

Say good-bye to corporations running your life,
No more politicians causing us strife,
No more a corporate culture and a global economy,
Now the people and animals run free!
And were...
(chorus)

No more greed and profit, we'll put an end to the waste,
There's no time for debating, we have to make haste,
If we're going to take a stand for autonomy,
We've got to put our bodies on the line.

And say hello to blockades and dancing in the streets,
A world where art and revolution meet,
Hello to liberation, taking power in our hands,
We'll rise up and reclaim our lives.
And be... (chorus)

7. Another Woman Gone
adapted by Harmonic Intervention from Another Man Gone – old chain gang song

(call and response)
Another woman gone (2x)
Another woman done wrong

We did not know her name (2x)
Still we hear her pain

She sings a lonely song (2x)
Won't let her sing alone

Her truth has not been told (2x)
Still her heart won't be sold

She's got a baby home (2x)
Now baby's all alone

Now little baby's cryin' (2x)
Someday, someday momma's comin' home.

8. W.T.O. Song
to the tune of RV's by Dana Lyons
words by Leoni and Matt

There's an evil on the horizon controlling all our lives,
It's the World Trade Organization, their mission to globalize.
They were not elected, but their power is immense,
They make all their decisions based on dollars and cents.
-World Trade-

Tearing up the planet just to make a buck,
A few white men get really rich, the rest of us are fucked. (get chucked)
Decades of social progress banished without a thought,
Corporations loot and steal, don't matter if they get caught.
-World Trade- (-Big Drag-)

(bridge)
The Endangered Species Act protected turtles,
W.T.O. said that could not last.
You must buy your shrimp from the cheapest supplier,
Environmental laws are a thing of the past.
-World Trade- (-Free Trade-)

Those lobbying corporate sleezeballs cackle with mad glee, (ha ha ha)
Nothing stands between them and your money.
New agers shake their crystals, workers raise their fists,
politicians kiss their butts, activists get pissed!
-World Trade- (-Kick Butt-)

The people of Mississippi passed a righteous law,
Emposing sanctions against the dictators of Burma.
World Trade came along and said this will not stand,
The right to make a profit is the highest in the land.
-World Trade- (-Fuck That-)

(bridge)
Globalizing power is their purpose,
Making money's what its all about.
They are going to be your new masters,
Unless we come together and kick them out!
-World Trade- (See you there-)

9. The Worker Song

adapted by Alli, Susan, Brian, & Spring for Reclaim May Day from Cowboy Junkies version of an old mining tune

We are workers, men and women, to the factory we must go,
Leave our children home a'cryin', we are marching through the snow,
On the line now, on the line now, drill your holes and stand in line,
Til' the shift boss comes to tell you, "keep on working, your time is mine".

Can you feel the dust and the soot in your lungs,
It'll cut down a worker when she is still young.

Two years on the line and the sickness takes hold,
And I feel like I'm dying for another man's gold,
And I feel like I'm dying for another man's gold.

10. The Sweatshop Song
adapted by Alli and Leoni from The Workers' Song

We are workers, girls and women, to the sweatshop we must go,
Leave our children home a'cryin', fifteen hours, the time goes slow,
On the line now, on the line now, cut your pieces and stand in line,
Til' the shift boss comes to tell you, "keep on working, your time is mine".

Feel the ache in my back, feel the pain in my hands,
All the money I make, gotta give to the man,
Two years on the line and the sickness takes hold,
And I feel like I'm dying for another man's gold,
And I feel like I'm dying for another man's gold.

11. Ella's Song
by Bernice Johnson Reagon (Sweet Honey in the Rock)

(Chorus) We who believe in freedom cannot rest,
Oh, we who believe in freedom cannot rest until it comes. (2x)

Until the killing of Black men, Black mothers' sons,
is as important as the killing of white men, white mothers' sons. (chorus)

That which touches me most is that I had (have) a chance to work with people, passing on to others that which was passed
on to me. (chorus)

To me young people come first they have the courage where we fail,
and if I can but shed some light, as they carry us through the gale. (chorus)

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. (chorus)

Not needing to clutch for power, not needing the light just to shine on me,
I need to be one in the number, as we stand against tyranny. (chorus)

Struggling myself don't mean a whole lot, I've come to realize,
that teaching others to stand up and fight is the only way my struggle survives. (chorus)

I am a woman who speaks in a voice, and I must be heard,
At times I can be quite difficult, I'll bow to no man's word. (chorus)

12. Redemption Song
by Bob Marley

Old pirates yes they rob I
Sold I to the merchant ships
Minutes after they took I from the bottomless pit
But my hand was made strong
By the hand of the almighty
We forward in this generation triumphantly

(chorus)
Won't you help to sing these songs of freedom
Cause all I ever had redemption songs, redemption songs

Emancipate yourselves from mental slavery
None but ourselves can free our minds
Have no fear for atomic energy
'Cause none a them can stop the time
How long shall they kill our prophets
While we stand aside and look
Some say its just a part of it
We've got to fulfill the book

(chours)

13. Downpresser Man
by Peter Tosh adapted by Harmonic Intervention

(chorus)

Downpresser man, where you gonna run to (3x)
Ah-all along that day.

Say you gonna run to the bank, the money will be burnin'
When you run to the bank, the money will be burnin' (2x)
Ah-all along that day

Say you gonna run to the church, beggin' them to hide you
(last one) we will still come find you.

When you lie, cheat and steal, we will still see through you

When you try to lock us down, the people will all rise up

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