



# **Solidarity Songbook**

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## **Labor, Love and Struggle**

**Bryan Cahall**

Well the hearts of men are falling  
Troubled times are on their way  
A depression is soon coming  
At least that's what the masters say

**Chorus:**

We're going where there's no depression  
To a land that's free from fear  
We're gonna labor, love and struggle  
Our home is heaven; we're gonna build it here

Now there are people who will tell you  
That it's god's plan in the news  
But I just won't believe that  
I will say no; I will refuse  
(chorus)

Now the work is long and painful  
To make our spirits lift  
But when we ache we'll heal each other  
And when we're tired, we'll sleep in shifts  
(chorus)

Now there just ain't no excuse  
To wait around in your safe place  
So if nothing else will move you  
How about a billion children's gaze?  
(chorus x2)

## **Oh You Can't Scare Me**

**G**

**C**

**Oh, you can't scare me,**

**G**

**I'm sticking with the movement (or union)**

**D**

**I'm sticking with the movement**

**G**

**I'm sticking with the movement**

**C**

**Oh, you can't scare me,**

**G**

**I'm sticking with the movement**

**D**

**I'm sticking with the movement**

**G**

**'till we all breathe free**

**I'm talking to my neighbors (x3)**

**I'm bringing in my family (x3)**

**I'm marching on the mountain (x3)**

## **If I Had a Hammer**

**If I had a hammer**

**I'd hammer in the morning**

**I'd hammer in the evening**

**all over this land,**

**I'd hammer out danger**

**I'd hammer out a warning**

**I'd hammer out love between my brothers and my sisters**

**All over this land.**

**[Verse 2]**

**If I had a bell**

**I'd ring it in the morning**

**I'd ring it in the evening**

**All over this land,**

**I'd ring out danger  
I'd ring out a warning  
I'd ring out love between my brothers and my sisters  
All over this land.**

**[Verse 3]**

**If I had a song  
I'd sing it in the morning  
I'd sing it in the evening  
all over this land,**

**I'd sing out danger  
I'd sing out a warning  
I'd sing out love between my brothers and my sisters  
All over this land.**

**[Verse 4]**

**Well I've got a hammer  
And I've got a bell  
And I've got a song to sing  
all over this land,**

**It's a hammer of justice  
It's a bell of freedom  
It's a song about love between my brothers and my sisters  
All over this land.**

**[Last Chorus Repeated]**

**It's a hammer of justice  
It's a bell of freedom  
It's a song about love between my brothers and my sisters  
All over this land.**

**Keep Your Eyes on the Prize**  
**(as sung by Mavis Staples)**

Em

**The only thing we did was wrong,  
Was stay in the wilderness too long.  
Keep your eyes on the prize, Hold on**

**Chorus**

D      Em

**Hold on, Hold on**

Em                      A

**Keep your eyes on the prize**

Em

**Hold On**

**The only thing that we did right  
Was the day we began to fight  
Keep your eyes on the prize, Hold on  
Chorus**

**Ain't but one chain we can stand,  
That's the chain of hand in hand  
Keep your eyes on the prize, Hold on  
Chorus**

**We fight jail and violence, too  
But God's love will see us through  
Keep your eyes on the prize, Hold on  
Chorus**

**Got my hand on the freedom plough,  
Won't take nothin' for my journey now  
Keep your eyes on the prize, Hold on  
Chorus**

**Freedom's road is mighty slow,  
But we got no way else to go  
Keep your eyes on the prize, Hold on  
Chorus**

**Paradise**  
**John Prine**

When I was a child my family would travel  
Down to Western Kentucky where my parents were born  
There's a backwards old town that's often remembered  
So many times that my memories are worn.

**Chorus:**

And daddy won't you take me back to Muhlenberg County  
Down by the Green River where Paradise lay  
Well, I'm sorry my son, but you're too late in asking  
Mister Peabody's coal train has hauled it away

Sometimes we'd travel right down the Green River  
To the abandoned old prison down by Adrie Hill  
Where the air smelled like snakes and we'd shoot with our pistols  
But empty pop bottles was all we would kill

**Repeat Chorus:**

Then the coal company came  
with the world's largest shovel  
And they tortured the timber and stripped all the land Well, they dug for their coal  
till the land was forsaken  
And they wrote it all down as the progress of man

**Repeat Chorus:**

When I die let my ashes float down the Green River  
Let my soul roll on up to the Rochester dam  
I'll be halfway to Heaven with Paradise waitin'  
Just five miles away from wherever I am

**(Chorus x 2)**

## **This Land Is Your Land**

**(Woody Guthrie)**

[really he capo's on 2nd fret, but we shouldn't because not everyone may have a capo]

C

**Chorus:**

C            F                            C

**This land is your land - This land is my land**

G                            C

**From California to the New York island;**

F                            C

**From the red wood forest to the Gulf Stream waters**

G                            C

**This land was made for you and Me.**

F                            C

**As I was walking that ribbon of highway,**

G                            C

**I saw above me that endless skyway:**

F                            C

**I saw below me that golden valley:**

G                            C

**This land was made for you and me.**

**Chorus**

**I've roamed and rambled, and I followed my footsteps**

**To the sparkling sands of her diamond deserts;**

**And all around me a voice was sounding:**

**This land was made for you and me.**

**Chorus**

**When the sun came shining and I was strolling,**

**And the wheat fields waving and the dust clouds rolling,**

**As the fog was lifting, a voice was chanting:**

**This land was made for you and me.**

**Chorus**

**As I went walking, I saw a sign there**

**And on the sign it said, "No Trespassing."**

**But on the other side, it didn't say nothing,**

**That side was made for you and me.**

**Chorus**

**In the shadow of the steeple, I saw my people,**

**By the relief office, I seen my people;**

**As they stood there hungry, I stood there asking**

**Is this land made for you and me?**

## **Chorus**

**Nobody living can ever stop me,  
As I go walking that freedom highway;  
Nobody living can ever make me turn back;  
This land was made for you and me.  
Chorus**

## **This Little Light of Mine**

**G  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,  
C G  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,  
G  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,  
D G  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**Ev'rywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine, x3  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**Building up a world, I'm gonna let it shine, x3  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

**Out in the dark, I'm gonna let it shine, x3  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.**

***Opening up our eyes to see and realize, x3  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.***

***There's no time to lose, I'm gonna let it shine, x3  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.***



## **Solidarity Forever**

**by Ralph Chaplin**

When the union's inspiration through the workers' blood shall run,  
There can be no power greater anywhere beneath the sun;  
Yet what force on earth is weaker than the feeble strength of one,  
But the union makes us strong.

### ***CHORUS:***

Solidarity forever,  
Solidarity forever,  
Solidarity forever,  
For the union makes us strong.

### **Verse 2**

Is there aught we hold in common with the greedy parasite,  
Who would lash us into serfdom and would crush us with his might?  
Is there anything left to us but to organize and fight?  
For the union makes us strong.

### **Chorus**

### **Verse 3**

It is we who plowed the prairies; built the cities where they trade;  
Dug the mines and built the workshops, endless miles of railroad laid;  
Now we stand outcast and starving midst the wonders we have made;  
But the union makes us strong.

### **Chorus**

### **Verse 4**

All the world that's owned by idle drones is ours and ours alone.  
We have laid the wide foundations; built it skyward stone by stone.  
It is ours, not to slave in, but to master and to own.  
While the union makes us strong.

### **Chorus**

### **Verse 5**

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.

### **Chorus**

### **Verse 6**

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.

### **Verse 7**

**They say our day is over; they say our time is through,  
They say you need no union if your collar isn't blue,  
Well that is just another lie the boss is telling you,  
For the Union makes us strong!**  
**Chorus**

## Verse 8

**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!  
Chorus**

# Blair Mountain Marching Song

To the tune of “Battle Hymn of the Republic” and “Solidarity Forever”

We will march to yonder mountain and it's there we'll take our stand (3x)  
Our union makes us strong!

Chorus:  
Solidarity Forever! Solidarity forever! Solidarity forever!  
Our union makes us strong!

Our rights to land and water they can never be denied (3x)  
Our union makes us strong!

This path it has been trodden by the people proud and free (3x)  
Our union makes us strong!

We will make the bosses tremble when they see us come in song (3x)  
Our union makes us strong!

Now or never comrades, we must save Blair Mountain's name  
To heritage and memory we have an equal claim  
And if we let them strip it, it would be a livin' shame  
For our union makes us strong!

## Stand!

**Amy Carol Webb**

**Chorus:**

**G                          D**

**I will stand with you – Will you stand with me**

**D** **G**  
**We will be the change that we hope to see**  
**Em** **C**

**In the name of love – in the name of peace**

**G D G**

**Will you stand, will you stand with me**

**A E**

**When injustice raises up its fist**

**D A**

**And fights to stop us in our tracks**

**A E**

**We will rise and as one resist**

**D A**

**No fear nor sorrow can turn us back**

**Chorus A E A F#m D A E A**

**C G**

**When pain and hatred churn up angry noise**

**F C**

**And try to shout down our freedom song**

**C G**

**We will rise in one joyful voice**

**F C**

**Loud and clear and ever strong**

**Chorus C G C Am F C G C**

**D A**

**When broken hearts come knocking on our door**

**G D**

**Lost and hungry and so alone**

**D A**

**We will reach as we have reached before**

**G D**

**For there is no stranger in this our home**

**Chorus D A D Bm G D A D**

**[repeat chorus]**

**Bm G**

**In the name of love – in the name of peace**

**D A G D**

**Will you stand, will you stand with me**

## **Big Yellow Taxi**

**(Joni Mitchell)**

A B E [E A Asus4 A E A Asus4 A]

A

**They paved paradise**

E [E A Asus4 A E A E]

**And put up a parking lot**

A B.

**With a pink hotel, a boutique**

E [E A Asus4 A E A E]

**And a swinging hot spot**

**Chorus:**

E

**Don't it always seem to go**

**That you don't know what you've got till it's gone**

**They paved paradise**

**And put up a parking lot**

**They took all the trees**

**Put 'em in a tree museum**

**And they charged the people**

**A dollar and a half just to see 'em**

**Chorus**

**Hey farmer, farmer**

**Put away the D.D.T. now**

**Give me spots on my apples**

**But leave me the birds and the bees Please!**

**Chorus**

**Late last night**

**I heard that screen door slam**

**And a big yellow taxi**

**Came and took away my old man**

**Chorus**

**Late last night**

**I heard that screen door slam**

**And a big yellow tractor**

**Took away my house, took away my land**

**I said don't it always seem to go**

**That you don't know what you've got till it's gone**

**They paved paradise**

**And put up a parking lot**

## **Have You Been To Jail For Justice**

**(Anne Feeney)**

D G D G D

**Was it Cesar Chavez? Or Rosa Parks that day?**

D Bm E A

**Some say Dr. King or Gandhi that set them on their way**

G D F# Bm

**No matter who your mentors are it's pretty plain to see**

E A

**That, if you've been to jail for justice, you're in good company**

### **Chorus**

D G D G D

**Have you been to jail for justice? I want to shake your hand**

D Bm E A

**Cause sitting in and lyin' down are ways to take a stand**

G D F# Bm

**Have you sung a song for freedom? or marched that picket line?**

G D G D A D

**Have you been to jail for justice? Then you're a friend of mine**

D G D G D

**You law abiding citizens, come listen to this song**

D Bm E A

**Laws were made by people, and people can be wrong**

G D F# Bm

**Once unions were against the law, but slavery was fine**

E A

**Women were denied the vote & children worked the mine**

G D F# Bm

**The more you study history the less you can deny it**

E A

**A rotten law stays on the books til folks like us defy it**

### **Chorus**

D G D G D

**The law's supposed to serve us, and so are the police**

D Bm E A

**And when the system fails, it's up to us to speak our peace**

G D F# Bm

**It takes eternal vigilance for justice to prevail**

G D

**So get courage from your convictions**

A D

**Let them haul you off to jail (chorus)**

## **Singing for Our Lives**

### **(Holly Near)**

D       G       D

**We are a gentle, angry people,**

A                      D    A

**And we are singing, singing for our lives.**

D       G       D

**We are a gentle, angry people,**

A                      D

**And we are singing, singing for our lives.**

**We are a justice seeking people,**

**And we are singing, singing for our lives. x2**

**We are young and old together,**

**And we are singing, singing for our lives. x2**

**We are a land of many colors,**

**And we are singing, singing for our lives. x2**

**We are gay and straight together,**

**And we are singing, singing for our lives. x2**

*We are standing here together*

*And we are singing, singing for our lives. x2*

*We won't be intimidated*

*And we are singing, singing for our lives. x2*

*We're creating a livable future*

*And we are singing, singing for our lives. x2*

**We are a gentle loving people,**

**And we are singing, singing for our lives. x2**

## **The Times They Are A-Changin'**

G            Em  
Come gather 'round people  
C        G  
Wherever you roam  
G            Am  
And admit that the waters  
C            D  
Around you have grown  
G            Em  
And accept it that soon  
C            G  
You'll be drenched to the bone  
G        Am  
If your time to you  
D  
Is worth savin'  
D [bass walk down]  
Then you better start swimmin'  
Or you'll sink like a stone  
G            C D G  
For the times they are a-changin'.

Come writers and critics  
Who prophesize with your pen  
And keep your eyes wide  
The chance won't come again  
And don't speak too soon  
For the wheel's still in spin  
And there's no tellin' who  
That it's namin'  
For the loser now  
Will be later to win  
For the times they are a-changin'.

Come senators, congressmen  
Please heed the call  
Don't stand in the doorway  
Don't block up the hall  
For he that gets hurt

Will be he who has stalled  
There's a battle outside  
And it is ragin'  
It'll soon shake your windows

**And rattle your walls  
For the times they are a-changin'.**

**Come mothers and fathers  
Throughout the land  
And don't criticize  
What you can't understand  
Your sons and your daughters  
Are beyond your command  
Your old road is  
Rapidly agin'  
Please get out of the new one  
If you can't lend your hand  
For the times they are a-changin'.**

**The line it is drawn  
The curse it is cast  
The slow one now  
Will later be fast  
As the present now  
Will later be past  
The order is  
Rapidly fadin'  
And the first one now  
Will later be last  
For the times they are a-changin'.**



**We Shall Not Be Moved**  
**(originally by The Seekers)**

C G  
We shall not, we shall not be moved.  
G C C7  
We shall not, we shall not be moved.

**Chorus**

C7 F C Am  
Just like a tree that's planted by the waterside,  
C G C  
We shall not be moved.

G  
On the road to freedom,  
C C7  
We shall not be moved.  
Chorus

We're brothers together,  
We shall not be moved.  
We're [sisters] together,  
We shall not be moved.  
Chorus

We're fighting for our freedom  
We shall not be moved. x 2  
Chorus

We're fighting for our children  
We shall not be moved. x 2  
Chorus

We're fighting for their future  
We shall not be moved. x 2  
Chorus

Young and old together  
We shall not be moved. x 2  
Chorus

Don't let the world deceive you  
We shall not be moved. x 2  
Chorus

We're fighting for our future  
We shall not be moved. x 2

Chorus

## When the Spirit Says Do

Dm

## You got to do when the spirit says do!

Dm A7

## You got to do when the spirit says do!

$$D_m \quad \quad \quad G \quad D_m$$

**When the spirit says do, you've got to do, oh Lord!**

Bb      A7      Dm

## You got to do when the spirit says do

**Chorus:**

Dm

**Spirit says do! (softly)**

**Spirit says do! (a little louder)**

**Spirit says do! (a little louder)**

**Spirit says do! (a little louder)**

**Spirit says do! (a little louder)**

A7

**Spirit says doooooo! (loudest)**

**You got to laugh when the spirit says laugh!**

**You got to laugh . . . etc.**

## Chorus

**You got to dance . . . etc.**

## Chorus

**You got to sing . . . etc.**

## Chorus

**You got to shout . . . etc.**

## Chorus

*You got to bid . . . etc.*

## Chorus

**You got to do ... etc.**

## Chorus

## You got to do when the spirit says do

## Chorus

## **We Shall Overcome**

**We shall overcome  
We shall overcome  
We shall overcome some day.**

**Chorus:**

**Oh, deep in my heart I do believe  
We shall overcome today.**

**We'll walk hand in hand  
We'll walk hand in hand  
We'll walk hand in hand some day.  
Chorus**

**We shall all be free  
We shall all be free  
We shall all be free some day.  
Chorus**

**We shall live in peace  
We shall live in peace  
We shall live in peace some day.  
Chorus**

**We are not afraid  
We are not afraid  
We are not afraid today  
Chorus**

**We are not alone  
We are not alone  
We are not alone today.  
Chorus**

**The whole wide world around  
The whole wide world around  
The whole wide world around some day.  
Chorus**

**We shall overcome  
We shall overcome  
We shall overcome some day.  
Chorus**