RISE for Climate Songbook

**Thrive Street Choir + Peace Poets + RISE Arts**

A note on lyrics. Most of these songs come from folk backgrounds, meaning that there will likely be many variants of lyrics floating around. In this book, we are just writing the ones we have sung as a choir. Words and phrases that are surrounded with \*asterisks\* can be changed to adapt to the situation. You can find Thrive Street Choir general songbook at: [**https://tinyurl.com/TscSongs**](https://tinyurl.com/TscSongs)

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# INVITATIONS FOR SONG LEADING:

**Grounding:** Why do we sing this song? What does it mean to you? Speak from the heart.

**Say The Words:** Use call and response line by line to introduce the lyrics.

**Sing The Words:** Sing the song one time through to introduce the rhythm & melody to the people, and then invite them to join in. “I’m going to sing it one time through and then ask you to join in. Don’t worry if you don’t get it the first time, within a minute we will all know it!”

**“Windows”:** Speak out directions between lines. *“Louder!”, “For our children!”, “For the land!”.*

**Cue Ending:** Let folks know how many more times you will sing the song. *“Two more times!”*

**Affirmation / Celebration:** Clap, cheer, stomp if appropriate to keep the people energized for the next song, instruction, action, speaker that is to follow.

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# I. KEY UNIFYING SONGS for 9/8

## The Voice of my Great Granddaughter

By the Peace Poets

Key: Fm

People gonna rise like the water

Gonna calm this crisis down

I hear the voice of my great granddaughter

Singing keep it in the ground

[Link to full song recording](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tl5zlHLjPZU)

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## Rise for all Creation (Mass Choir Song!)

By Thrive Choir & the Peace Poets

**We rise** before the seas

**We rise** as tall as trees

**We rise** not just for you and me

(**We Rise)** But for all humanity

(x2)

**We rise, rise for liberation**

**We rise, rise for all creation**

(x2)

[Link to Full Song Recording](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VWzcPDrKIfI)

[Here is a Google Folder](https://drive.google.com/drive/u/2/folders/1HerZUHaJ04Mcd54bElhUmb0dhorHHnIn) with Vocal parts breakdown for Soprano, Alto, Tenor & Bass

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# II. OTHER MAIN SONGS for 9/8

## Calling All Warriors (Ab)

By Dina Erie & Thrive Choir

Step completely as a warrior of love

Walk with dignity, fight for love.

(x2)

The Earth is Calling all Warriors.

(x2)

[Link to full song recording](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Krq5xfnDkI)

Here is the [Folder](https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/1HerZUHaJ04Mcd54bElhUmb0dhorHHnIn) with vocal parts tape

## Rise like flowers

By the Peace Poets

Key: Fm

We are rising like flowers

Out the Concrete

We rise like warriors

Into these streets

[Link to Full Song Recording](https://youtu.be/6TaHRDldk-Y)

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## When We Rise

By The Peace Poets

Key: A (Starting note C#)

WHEN WE RISE

YOUR WILL HEAR THE MUSIC

WHEN WE RISE

WE WILL PAINT THE FUTURE

[Link to Full song Recording](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YO5kpTX9p6g)

## Protectors

By The Peace Poets

Rising with the mountain tops

Flowing with the Ocean

We are the protectors

Our spirits have awoken

We are the protectors

We are the protectors

[Link to recording of Full son](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GgZrs8dH-5M)g

# III. Peace Poets Songs (full) for RISE

**1. Gathering Our Energy**

WE ARE GATHERING OUR ENERGY

AND THEN WE GONNA SHINE

WE ARE THE SOLUTION

NOW THE MOVEMENT HAS ARRIVED

**2. The Protectors**

RISING WITH THE MOUNTAIN TOPS

FLOWING WITH THE OCEANS

WE ARE THE PROTECTORS

OUR SPIRIT HAS AWOKEN

WE ARE THE PROTECTORS (2X)

**3. Rising Like Flowers (E)**

WE ARE RISING LIKE FLOWERS

OUT THE CONCRETE

WE ARE RISING LIKE WARRIORS

INTO THESE STREETS

**4. Good Vibes**

WE GOT THE GOOD VIBES

WE GOT THE SUNSHINE

WE DON’T NEED THEIR LIES

WE DON’T NEED PIPELINES

**5. Shaking Ground**

THE GROUND IS SHAKING

CUZ ALL THE NATIONS

HAVE COME TO SAY THIS

LAND IS NATIVE

AND WE PROTECT THE WATER

AND WE HONOR THE LAND

**6. It Feels Like Dawn**

IT FEELS LIKE DAWN

THE SUN IS SETTING,ON FOSSIL FUEL

THE SUN IS RISING ON RENEWABLES

AND IT FEELS LIKE DAWN

IT FEELS LIKE DAWN

IT FEELS LIKE DAWN IN MY HEART!

**7. When We Rise (E)**

WHEN WE RISE

YOUR WILL HEAR THE MUSIC

WHEN WE RISE

WE WILL PAINT THE FUTURE

**8. Our Mothers And Our Sisters**

OUR MOTHERS AND OUR SISTERS

ARE ON THE FRONT LINE

NOW WE ARE THE MOVEMENT

FIGHTING BY THEIR SIDE

YAH WE’RE GONNA GET IT

YAH WERE GONNA RISE

YAH WE’RE GONNA GET IT

YAH WE’RE GONNA RISE

**9. Voice of My Great Granddaughter (Fm)**

THE PEOPLE GONNA

RISE LIKE THE WATER

WE GONNA CALM THIS CRISIS DOWN

I HEAR THE VOICE OF MY GREAT GRANDDAUGHTER

SINGING KEEP IT IN THE GROUND

**10. This Is Our Promise**

YOU, YOU AND ME

WE WILL BRING THE STRUGGLE HOME

THIS IS OUR PROMISE

TO PROTECT THE WORLD WE LOVE

# IV. Labor Contingent Songs

## Never Keep Us Down (Cm)

***By Martha Hawthorne, Labor Contingent***

*Everybody rise up singing*

*Hear us the whole world round*

*An injury to one is an injury to all*

***They will never keep us down***

***They will never keep us down***

*Estamos en lucha, podemos ya*

*Resistir todo lo malo que nos da*

*El pueblo unido, jamás sera vencido*

*No nos móveran*

*No nos móveran*

*Come on everybody and sing with me*

*No chains will keep us bound*

*Stand up, fight back, look ‘em in the eye*

***They will never keep us down***

***They will never keep us down***

## Which Side Are You On (Fm )

**Chorus : Which side are you on (4x)**

Verse:Come all of you poor workers,

Good news to you I’ll tell

How the good old union

Has come in here to dwell

Verse: The crossroads before us

Which way now do we choose?

United we will rise again

Divided we will lose

Verse: Oh workers can you stand it

Tell me how you can?

Will you march for union rights

Will you lend a hand?

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# V. Thrive Street Choir Songs (Other Options extra credit)

## Ain’t Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me Around

Ain't gonna let \*nobody\* turn me around

Turn me around,

turn me around

Ain't gonna let \*nobody\* turn me around

Keep on a-walkin',

keep on a-talkin'

‘Til we keep it in the Ground

TSC recording: <https://youtu.be/mLu8PESne2Q>

Notes on the background:

<http://www.stephengriffith.com/folksongindex/aint-gonna-let-nobody-turn-me-around/>

<http://civilrightssongs.blogspot.com/2014/11/aint-gonna-let-nobody-turn-me-around.html>

## B. The Earth She Is Not Property

The earth, she is not property

The earth, she is alive

The earth, she is not property

The earth, she is alive

And we don’t own the land no

We don’t own the water

We don’t own the air no

We don’t own the fire

TSC recording: <https://youtu.be/DRBYHKDTSuU>

## C. Earth my Body

Earth my body, water my blood

air my breath and fire my spirit

## D. Do it Now (from [Sing for the Climate](http://singfortheclimate.com/about/))

[Recording here](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XGgBtHoIO4g)

We need to wake up

We need to wise up

We need to open our eyes

And do it now now now

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, take no more lies

And do it now now now

We need to build a better future

And we need to start right now

## D. Hold On Just A Little While Longer

Hold on just a little while longer

Hold on just a little while longer

Hold on just a little while longer

Everything will be alright

Everything will be alright

TSC recording: <https://youtu.be/Qht0Pca-iSA>

Notes on the background:

<http://thebirdsings.com/hold-on-just-a-little-while-longer/>

<http://pancocojams.blogspot.com/2012/06/videos-of-hold-on-just-little-while.html>

## E. Keep It In the Ground

By Kyle Lemle

Keep that coal in that hole

Keep that oil in the soil

Keep that coal in that hole

Keep that oil in the soil

Gotta keep it down

Gotta keep it in the ground

TSC recording: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=1pxnTFr7a8nE_sba_25Z4iyeIAji-Ukt6>

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## F. Lead with Love (One Foot In Front of the Other)

By Melanie DeMore (Thrive Community Member)

REFRAIN:

You gotta put one foot in front of the other and lead with love.

Put one foot in front of the other and lead with love.

**Verse 1**

Don’t give up hope.

You’re not alone

Don’t you give up.

Keep movin’ on.

REFRAIN

**Verse 2**

Lift up your eyes

Don’t you despair.

Look up ahead

The path is there.

REFRAIN

**Verse 3**

I know you’re scared.

And I’m scared too

But here I am.

Right next to you.

REFRAIN

TSC recording: <https://youtu.be/XAOXtGPQsoY>

TSC harmonies: <https://youtu.be/Oa9PJFgkjLQ>

Original recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9w22S8foSbk>

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## G. Lighthouse

Traditional gospel learned from Melanie DeMore

shine on me, Oh shine on me,

Let the light from the lighthouse shine on me.

shine on me, oh shine on me,

Let the light from the lighthouse shine on (me).

*Zipper song, can replace “shine on me” with “lead me on” etc.*

More information: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Let_Your_Light_Shine_on_Me>

## H. We Rise

https://soundcloud.com/ifnotnow/we-rise

*By Batya Levine*

*with creative collaboration from Noam Lerman*

We Rise…

humbly hearted

Rise won’t be divided

Rise with spirit to guide us

Rise!

(Chorus)

In hope, in prayer, we find ourselves here

In hope, in prayer, we’re right here

(x2)

We Rise…

all of the children

Rise elders with wisdom

Rise ancestors surround us

Rise!

[Chorus]

We Rise…

up from the wreckage

Rise with tears and with courage

Rise fighting for life

We Rise!

[Chorus]

Repeat verse 1

## We're Gonna Rise Up

Melody by Chance the Rapper  
Words by ???

We’re gonna rise up

Rise up ‘till it’s won

We’re gonna rise up

Rise up ‘till we’re done

When the people rise up

The powers come down

When the people rise up

The powers come down

They try to stop us

But we keep coming back

They try to stop us

But we keep coming back

TSC recording: <https://youtu.be/YHbgOt6bAJg>

## J. We Shall not be Moved

We shall not, we shall not be moved

We shall not, we shall not be moved

Just like a tree that's standing by the water

We shall not be moved

TSC recording: <https://youtu.be/7HGZtnepvIk>

Notes on the background: <https://www.thoughtco.com/we-shall-not-be-moved-traditional-1322516>

<http://civilrightssongs.blogspot.com/2015/02/we-shall-not-be-moved-lyrics-videos-and.html>

## K. We The People

By Kyle Lemle

We the people are ready to lead

Cause our leaders makin’ it hard to breathe

They kill for oil, they kill for greed

Better leave the white house with great great speed

You can never take away

The people of the world

Standing here today

You can never take away

The people of the world

We are here to stay

Thrive recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K24WuL5fYqo>