



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>

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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.



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](#)

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](#)

[Here is a Google Folder](#) with Vocal parts breakdown for Soprano, Alto, Tenor & Bass



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](#)

Here is the [Folder](#) 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](#)

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](#)

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 song](#)



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?



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

A. 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](#))

[Recording here](#)

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://pancojams.blogspot.com/2012/06/videos-of-just-a-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



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>



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

I. 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>