Good Chants
For a Lively Protest

...and some Great Songs, too!

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from Activists Building a World of Justice, Equality & Peace
Good Chants is a ready resource for any political action. In these tough times, chants and songs are important tools that can deliver powerful messages. A few well-chosen “sound bites” can brighten and energize any event.

Please share - copy freely and circulate widely.

There are political views from different voices, and though each chant does not represent all points of view, find what is useful to your voice. We can build a better world together.

We hope these chants inspire you to write your own & send them to: goodchants@yahoo.com

GoodChants.org is a database of all chants included in this booklet & will be updated regularly, so check back for new chants.

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Good Chants is dedicated to Noah, Daniel, David & Emma, with the pledge that we will never cease working to make our world a just home for all.

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- Categories often overlap—for example, labor and immigration chants can also be found in the multi-purpose section.
- Most of the chants are “zipper chants”—“zip in” your issue and you’re good to go.
- Many of the chants can be “Call and Response” or "Call and Echo." Calls are highlighted in **boldface**.
- Many great songs can be found on YouTube in addition to those here, ex: “This Land Is Your Land," "Imagine" and "Roll the Union On."
GOOD CHANTS

Here are some ideas to make the chants most effective:*  
• You can use this booklet and other sources to prepare a customized chant sheet in advance to be handed out at the action, inserting the names of the specific issues and people you are highlighting. Consider also having a quantity of Good Chants available and hand them out at your action, then collect at the end.

• It’s a good idea to “road test” the chants with a small group in advance of the action to make sure they flow smoothly.

• Designate at least 2 chant leaders prior to rally who will be able to lead the call and responses, and spread out in the crowd.

• Keep the chants short, simple, upbeat and rhythmic and clearly show how each one is to be chanted. For example, if it’s a call and response chant, designate which people will lead the call.

• Songs and chants work great to keep the step lively and the spirit strong. And don’t forget the drums, cowbells, whistles and empty soda cans filled with beans/pebbles!

• “Words matter!” Chants can be powerful without being offensive. They’re often quoted by the media and can be a positive voice for our movement.

• Keep the chants on message!

• A good sound system can be essential. Check municipal laws as to the use of bullhorns and megaphones in your area. To learn more about how to use them most effectively and best models to purchase, contact Nino Maida (Chief Steward, Local-7, UPTE-CWA 9119, AFL-CIO) at: ninouppte@gmail.com

*Most of these ideas are excerpted from Paul McKenna’s informative article “Don’t Leave Chants to Chance” (http://www.labornotes.org/2014/08/dont-leave-chants-chance) Paul is Research Director of SEIU Local 503, OPEU and can be reached at: mckennnap@seiu503.org or paulnmckenna@gmail.com
A. MULTI-PURPOSE

1. Ain’t no power like the power of the people
   And the power of the people don’t stop
   Don’t stop!! (or: Hey what!)
   Ain’t no power like... etc...
   or: ‘Cause the power of the people’s on fire!

2. **Show me what democracy looks like**
   This is what democracy looks like
   or: **Show me what community looks like** etc...
   or: **Show me what unity looks like** etc...
   or: **Show me what the people look like** etc...
   or: **Show me what justice looks like** etc...
   or: **Show me what America looks like** etc...

3. **What do we want?** JUSTICE (or: DACA, etc...)
   When do we want it? NOW
   Do we want it next week? NO!
   Do we want it next year? NO!
   When do we want it? NOW!
   When do we want it? NOW!

4. Listen ______, hear our cry
   When we’re screwed we multiply!

5. The whole world is watching!!
6. _____ says yes
   _____ says hell yes
   _____ says cut back
   _____ says give back
   _____ says take away

(ex: Trump, Boss, etc...)

   We say no!
   We say hell no!
   We say fight back!
   We say fight back!
   We say no way!

7. The people united will never be defeated!
   El pueblo unido jamás será vencido!
   (o: Trabajadores unidos, inquilinos, etc...)  
   (trans: workers, tenants, etc...)

   or: The movement united will never be defeated!
   or: _________ united will never be divided!
   (ex: Survivors, etc)

8. Call:
   We are the ______

   (ex: union, dreamers, etc...)  
   The mighty mighty ___
   Everywhere we go
   People want to know
   Who we are
   So we tell them...
   We are the ______

   etc...

   Echo:
   We are the ______

   (union, dreamers, etc...)  
   The mighty mighty ___
   Everywhere we go
   People want to know
   Who we are
   So we tell them...
   We are the ______
9. When I say “Black Lives” you say “Matter”
   Black Lives          Matter
   Black Lives          Matter
or: When I say “Health care” you say “For all” etc...
or: When I say “Justice” you say “For all” etc...
or: When I say “Sí se” you say “Puede” etc...
or: When I say “Stop the” you say “Cutbacks” etc...
or: When I say “Organize” you say “Now” etc...
or: When I say “Union” you say “Yes” etc...

10. When________ are under attack
    (ex: working families, healthcare workers,
    Black lives, immigrant rights, friends and
    family, public education, etc...)
    What do we do?
    Stand up! Fight back!

11. Dignity       yes!
    Justice        yes!
    Respect        yes!
    Organize       yes! etc...

12. No Justice    No Peace

13. Whose streets?
    (or: Whose schools, etc...)
14. We’re fired up - won’t take *(it)* no more!

15. **Hey, hey, what do you say?**
   
   ___ ___ ___ is here to stay!

Hey, hey, what do you say?
   
   We want a ___ ___ right away!

Hey, hey, what do you say?
   
   ___ ___ ___ all the way!

Hey, hey, don’t delay.
   
   Give us a ___ with equal pay!

Hey, hey, what do you know?
   
   ______ is moving mighty slow!
   
   *(ex: the board, the state, etc...)*

Hey, hey, what should we do?
   
   Organize our whole damn crew!

16. **Up in _______, what do we say?**
    
    *(ex: Hartford, Syracuse, etc)*
    
    ___ ___ ___ is here to stay!

Down in _____, what do we do?
    
    Organize our whole damn crew!

17. **Hey HEY, ho HO**
    
    ___ ___ ___ has got to go! *(ex: NRA, etc...)*
18. **Tune: HOT! HOT! HOT**
   Ole ole, Ole ole, Ole ole, Ole ole, 
   ____‘s hot, hot, hot! 
   And ____ is not, not, not!
   or: **Ole (4x) Pack your bags and go away! etc...**
   or: **_____ is here to stay! etc...**

19. We’re bad ---- we know it ----
    We’re here --- to show it ----
    What you see is what you get
    And you ain’t seen nothing yet!

20. We are here to mobilize
    Fighting back against their lies!

21. There’s one thing that’s clear to me
    The people here have unity!

22. Get up! Get down!
    There’s a _______ movement in this town
    (or: Sanctuary, Tenant’s, etc...)
    Get up! Get down! ______is a ______town!

23. **Fire the liar**    Impeach _____ now!!
    **Fire the liar**    Dump _____ now!!

24. An injury to one        Is an injury to all
25. **Cuts in health care!** No more!  
    **Cuts to Medicaid** No more!  
    **Understaffing!** No more!  
    **Cutting corners** No more!  
    **Stand up for patients!** Right now!  
    **Better staffing!** Right now!  
    **Better funding!** Right now!  

26. Hey _______ can you hear it? (repeat)  
    (ex: bosses, etc...)  
    Can you hear our ________ spirit? (repeat)  
    (ex: mighty, union, etc...)  

27. **Nurses say:** ________’s gotta go!  
    (ex: Trump’s, etc...)  
    **Teachers say:** ________’s gotta go!  
    etc...  

28. **One** We are the people  
    **Two** A little bit louder  
    **Three** We want ____  
    **Four** No stoppin’ us ‘till we’ve -  
    **Won** We are the people  
    **Two** A little bit louder - etc...  

29. **Wanna know what all the fuss is?**  
    We are standing up for justice!
30. **Power - power - power**  Power by the hour
   **Who's got the power?**  ___’s got the power
   *(ex: Seniors, Students, We've, etc...)*
   **Power - power - power**  Power by the hour!
   **What kind of power?**  ______ power!!

31. Put on the heat, out in the street
    ________ power can never be beat!!
    *(ex: People’s, etc...)*

32. Fee fi fo fum      Look out ____ here we come

33. ____ ____ is unfair
    All we want is our fair share!

34. __________ shame on you
    __________ have rights too!

35. ___ ___ ___       Shame on you!

36. We are the change!   WE ARE THE CHANGE!

37. Vote them out!      VOTE THEM OUT!

38. YOU are responsible.  WE are not responsible!

39. We did not consent      To this president!
B. SOCIAL JUSTICE

40. Black, white, gay, straight
   Love does not discriminate!

41. Gay, Straight, Black, White
   Same Struggle, Same Fight

42. **If we don’t get** No justice!
    **You don’t get** No peace!

43. LOVE not HATE makes America great!

44. LOVE TRUMPS HATE!

45. Racist, sexist, anti-gay!
    ______ Go Away! (ex: *Donald Trump*, etc...)
    *or:* Get out the way - Get out the way.

46. Shame! Shame! Shame! Not in our name!

47. There are NO excuses
    For human rights abuses.

48. No _____, No KKK,
    *(ex: *Trump*, *Nazis*, etc...)*
    No fascist USA.
49. ___________ (name of deceased) ¡PRESENTÉ!

50. **Hands UP** Don’t shoot!

51. Muslim rights are human rights!

52. No hate! No bigotry!
No to a Muslim Registry!

53. **When I say “BLACK LIVES” you say “MATTER”**
BLACK LIVES MATTER

54. L-G-B-T We Demand Equality

55. Hey Ho, Hey Ho,
Homophobia’s got go!

56. _______ (ex: Matthew Shepard, Harvey Milk, etc...) NEVER AGAIN

57. Church and State - there’s no connection
Don’t mess with my contraception.

58. ____________ hear the news
(ex: *Hobby Lobby*)
Religious views are for the pews!
59. My Body, My Choice
    Her Body, Her Choice

60. No more silence, no more lies
    We will not be victimized!

61. No more secrets, no more lies
    No more silence that money buys.

62. No matter what we wear, no matter where we go
    YES means YES and NO means NO!

63. Survivors united
    Will never be divided.

64. Rise up for the women of the world
    For the women of the world rise up!!

65. Money for health
    Money for levees
    Money for food
    Money for schools
    etc...
    Not for war!
    Not for war!
    Not for war!
    Not for war!

66. Hey______, we’re no fools
    We won’t let you ruin our schools!
67. Kill the bill  Don’t kill us!

68. People are real everywhere
     Stop killing them from the air!

69. Serve the needy, not the greedy!!!

70. We’re cold, we’re wet  Cancel the debt.

71. We don’t want a prison nation
     Stop mass incarceration.

72. **What are our kids dying for?**
     Our grief is not a call for war.

73. You’ve got the money!
     Show us the money!!

[Image of a protest scene]
C. LABOR / UNION

74. Aaaw… Toot! Toot! Aaaw… Beep! Beep! Get up off of that loot! ____ ____ ‘s cheap!

75. Banks get bailed out We get sold out!

76. Chop from the TOP Not from the students. Chop from the TOP Not from the janitors. etc...

77. Do--the--con-ga Do the union conga
Sign--the--con-tract Sign the union contract
Join-the pick-et Join the union picket
Do the right thing Union is the right thing!

78. Hey _____! It’s about time
What you pay us is a crime
Hey _____! Hear our cry
We need a _____, that’s no lie.
(ex: pension, raise, etc...)

79. HEY ____! Rich and rude.
We don’t like your attitude.
HEY ____! You’re no good
Treat your workers like you should!!
80. **Hey HEY, Ho HO**
   Poverty wages have got to go.
   or: *Where did all the money go?*
   or: *Union power on the go.*
   or: *Union busting’s got to go!*
   or: ____ and ____ have got to go!
   or: *Get up off of that dough-HUH!*
   or: ______’s greed has got to go!

81. **Tune: Traditional Marching Cadence**
   **Call:**
   I don’t know but I’ve been told
   I don’t know but I’ve been told
   **Echo:**
   Bosses’ pockets are lined with gold!
   Bosses’ pockets are lined with gold
   Lies and tricks will not divide
   Lies and tricks will not divide
   **Workers standing side by side.**
   Workers standing side by side!

82. Layoffs, cutbacks, they’re the worst
    Time to put the people first!
    or: *Service cuts - they’re the worst etc...*

83. **No contract** *(or: health care, etc...)*
    No work!
    No damn contract
    No damn work!
    **No justice**
    No peace! etc...
84. **Pay cuts for teachers?**
   We say NO! Tax the people with lots of dough!

85. *Tune: Chain of Fools à la Aretha Franklin*
   Pay, pay, pay - Pay, pay, pay!
   Pay your workers! Pay your workers!
   or: *Shame, shame shame - shame on you!*

86. Sweatshop labor? No way!
   Get _____ and make them pay.

87. Teachers and families must unite
   Education is a human right!

88. Their __ percent won’t pay the rent!
   *(ex: 2% raise, etc...)*

89. Trustees cease your mythic fable
   Return right now to the bargaining table.

90. Union strong! Union proud!
   Everybody - say it loud!

91. **We need staff**
   They just laugh

**We need supplies**
   They roll their eyes

**We need money**
   They think it’s funny

**But if we fight**
   They’ll do what’s right.
92. **Tune: Traditional marching cadence**

**Union power on the rise**

Now’s the time to organize!

**No more bosses’ tricks and lies**

Now’s the time to organize!

**Give our children better lives**

Now’s the time to organize!

**Tell the women, tell the guys**

Now’s the time to organize!

**Organize - organize...**

Now’s the time to organize!

93. **Union yes! ________No!**

Union busting’s got to go.

94. **Up with the union**

Yeah!! Yeah!!

**Down with the bosses**

Yeah!! Yeah!!

**The cheap boss -**

Boom!! Boom!!

**The lying boss!**

Boom!! Boom!!

95. **WE ARE UNION** *(Tune: We Will Rock You)*

*(Thump, thump clap - thump, thump clap)*

**We are, We are union!**

*(clap - thump, thump)* x2

**or:** We are, We are Home Care!

**or:** We will, We will block you!

**or:** We will, We will stop you!
96. Time to tax the one percent!

97. We deserve a living wage ‘Cause we’re no one's working slave.

98. We’re gonna beat -- beat -- back the boss We’re gonna beat beat back the boss! Yeah! or: We’re gonna beat -- back -- the _____ attack! We’re gonna beat back the _____ attack!

99. We’re overworked and underpaid Are you ready to fight? Damn right!!!

100. We’re _____ workers fighting back! We’re _____ workers fighting back! (ex: hospital, nursing home, cafeteria...)

101. What does _____ have to hide? Sweatshop products made inside.

102. You take one of us on You take all of us on!

103. _____ you’re no good Sign a contract like you should! or: Never voted like you should.
104.  

Tune: Traditional Marching Cadence

Call:  

Echo:

_____ is a union town

_____ is a union town

You can’t keep the people down.

You can’t keep the people down.

or:  

Get UP! ---Get DOWN!

Get UP! ---Get DOWN!

_____ is a union town!

_____ is a union town!

Union town through and through

Union town through and through

You for me and me for you.

You for me and me for you!

_____ is a union city

_____ is a union city

The way you treat us is a pity

The way you treat us is a pity

Union city in and out

Union city in and out

We won’t rest until you’re out

We won’t rest until you’re out.

or:  

On strike, shut it down

On strike, shut it down

___ ___ is a union town

___ ___ is a union town
105. Be fair -- to those who care.

106. 1-2-3-4 We know what we’re out here for!  
      or: No one should be working poor!  
      or: We won’t take it anymore!  
5-6-7-8 Come on ____ negotiate!  
      or: Where’s our contract - Why so late?

107. Exploitation ain’t the way  
     ____ ____ ____ deserve fair pay!  
     (farm workers, etc...)

108. What’s disgusting? Union busting!  
     What’s outrageous? Sweatshop wages  
     (or: stagnant, poverty, etc...)  
     What’s appalling? Bosses stalling!
D. SPANISH GRITOS + OTHER LANGUAGES

SPANISH

109. ¡Alerta! ¡Alerta! ¡Alerta que camina!
¡La lucha popular por una vida digna!
(trans: Hey, hey-look who’s marching
People marching for a life of dignity!)

110. Aquí, Allá El pueblo vencerá.
(trans: Here, there the people will win.)

111. ¡Aquí estamos y no nos vamos!
¡Y si nos echan, (nos) regresamos!
(trans: Here we stand and we’re not moving!
And if we’re thrown out, we’ll be back!)

112. Del norte...al sur Construimos este país.
(trans: From north to south
We build this nation!)

113. ¡El pueblo unido jamás será vencido!
(or: trabajadores unidos, inquilinos, carwasheros, etc...)
(trans: The people united will never be defeated!
(or: workers united, tenants, car washers, etc...)

114. ¡No pare- Sigue, sigue!
(trans: Don’t stop-Forward, forward!)
115. ¡Escucha, escucha! ¡Estamos en la lucha!!!
or: ¡_____, escucha! ¡Estamos en la lucha!!!
(ex: Trump...)
or: ¡Estudiantes en la lucha, trabajadores, etc..
(trans: Listen, Listen! We’re all in the struggle)

116. ¡La clase obrera, no tiene frontera!
or: ¡Las luchas obreras, no tienen fronteras!
(trans: The working class has no borders
The worker’s struggles have no borders)

117. ¡La tierra no se vende,
Y siempre se defiende!
(trans: Our land is not for sale
And we will always defend it!)

118. ¡Ni lluvia, Ni viento
Detendrá este movimiento!
(trans: No rain, nor winds
Will stop our movement!)

119. No somos uno. No somos cien.
Somos millones. ¡Cuéntanos bien!
(trans: We’re not one. We’re not one hundred
We’re in the millions. Count us well!)

120. Ni una más ¡DEPORTACIÓN!
¿Qué queremos? ¡JUSTICIA!
¿Cuándo? ¡AHORA!
¿Cómo lograremos? ¡LUCHANDO!
¿Cómo lucharemos? ¡DURO, DURO--DURO, DURO, DURO!

or: ¿Y cómo?
¡Haciendo, creando poder popular!

(trans: What do we want? Justice!
When? Now!
How will we get it? By fighting!
How? Hard, hard, hard!
And how? Making, creating the power of the people!)

¿Se puede? ¡Sí se puede!
¡Sí se puede! ¡Sí se puede! ¡Sí se puede!
(trans: Can we do it? Yes we can!)

¡Se ve! Se siente ¡El pueblo está presente!!
¡Se ve! Se escucha ¡Estamos en la lucha!
(trans: We see! We feel! The people are here!!
See us! Hear us! We are all in the struggle!)

¡Me gusta la lima, me gusta el limón
Pero no me gusta la deportación!
(trans: I like the lime, I like the lemon
But I don’t like deportation!)
¡Sí que sí, no que no
Inmigrantes somos todos!
¡No que no, sí qué sí
Inmigrantes se quedan aquí!

(trans: Yes means yes, no means no
We’re all immigrants
No means no, yes means yes
Immigrants are here to stay)

Me gusta la lima, me gusta el tequila
Pero no me gusta la chingada migra.

(trans: I like the lime, I like the tequila
But I don’t like the damn border patrol.)

¿No contrato?
¡No trabajo!
¿No justicia?
¡No hay paz!

(trans: No contract? No work!
No justice? No peace!)

Uno, dos, tres, cuatro
¡Que queremos un contrato!

(trans: 1-2-3-4
We want a contract!)

¡Un daño para uno
Es un daño a todo!

(trans: An injury to one
130. **ARABIC**

سلامية, سلمية

*Pronunciation: silmiyya silmiyya*  
*(trans: Peaceful, peaceful)*

131. **ARABIC**

عيش, حرية, عدالة اجتماعية.

*Pronunciation: ‘aish, hurriya, ‘adaala igtimaa‘iyya*  
*(trans: Bread, freedom, social justice)*  
*Egyptian*

132. **HEBREW**

דור שלם וורש שלום

*Pronunciation: dor shalem doresh shalom*  
*(trans: A whole generation demands peace)*

133. **HEBREW**

ידי ליבוש!

*Pronunciation: dai lekibush*  
*(trans: End the occupation!)*

134. **HEBREW**

שתי מדינות לשני עמים

*Pronunciation: shtei medinot leshnei amim*  
*(trans: Two States for two nationalities)*

135. **PORTUGUESE**

O povo unido jamais será vencido

*Pronunciation: dor shalem doresh shalom*  
*(trans: The people united will never be defeated.)*
TAGALOG

136. MAKIBAKA! HUWAG MATAKOT!
    (trans: Dare to struggle, don’t be afraid)

137. SIGAW NG BAYAN - KAPAYAPAAN
    (trans: Cry of the People - PEACE)
E. IMMIGRATION
(See Also Spanish Gritos)

138. Black, brown, Asian, white,
All unite for immigrant rights!

139. From Palestine to Mexico
All the walls have got to go

140. Ho HO--- Hey HEY--
Immigrants are here to stay!

or: Immigrants need rights today!

141. Immigrant rights, women’s rights:
Same struggle, same fight!

142. Money for jobs and education
Not for mass deportation

or: Not for mass incarceration

143. No ban, No Wall Sanctuary For All

144. No borders! No nations!
Stop the deportations!

145. No human being is illegal!
146. Power to the people
No one is illegal!

147. Say it loud! Say it clear!
or: No Hate! No Fear!
Immigrants are welcome here!
(or: Refugees, etc...)

148. When immigrant rights are under attack,
what do we do?
Stand up! Fight back!

149. Families, children do not fear
We are neighbors, welcome here!
F. ENVIRONMENT

150. **Invest in the future**
     **Put your money**
     Not in pollution
     In the solution!

151. Corporate greed we must fight
     Polluting Earth is not right

152. Hey, hey, It’s getting hot in here
     There’s too much carbon in the atmosphere

153. No more coal. No more oil,
     Keep the carbon in the soil!

154. **I said up with ________**
     **Yeah! Yeah!**
     (Science, etc…)
     **I said up with ________**
     **Yeah! Yeah!**
     **I said down with ________**
     **Boom! Boom!**
     **And your dirty air!**
     **Boom! Boom!**
     **And your pollution, too!**
     **Boom! Boom!**
     **And your false solutions!**
     **Boom! Boom!**

155. No fracking way        Fracking’s not okay

156. Air I am, Fire I am
     Water, Earth, and Spirit I am
157. No more corporate greed  
Renewables are what we need

158. **NO pipelines!**  
NO Tar Sands! Stop destroying Native lands!

159. The pipeline will fail  
Our planet’s not for sale

160. Think about our legacy  
Fossil fuel or fossil free

161. **What do we want?**  
350 parts per million  
**When do we want it?**  
20 years ago

162. When the air we breathe is under attack  
**What do we do?**  
Stand up! Fight Back!  
When the water we drink is under attack  
**What do we do?**  
Stand up! Fight back!  
When Mother Earth is under attack  
**What do we do?**  
Stand up! Fight back!  
*(Repeat last call & response over and over)*
G. GUN CONTROL

163. __________ (ex: *They say that tougher gun laws do not decrease gun violence.*)
WE CALL BS!
__________ (ex: *They say that a good guy with a gun stops a bad guy with a gun.*)
WE CALL BS!
(Parkland, FL survivor Emma Gonzalez, 2/18/18)

164. Hey hey NRA
How many deaths have you caused today?
(or: *kids have you killed today?*)

165. Not one more! NOT ONE MORE!

166. ______ (ex: *Parkland, etc...*) NEVER AGAIN!

167. Enough is enough! Disarm Hate!

168. No more silence End gun violence
H. SONGS
(Videos of all songs can be found on YouTube)

169. Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me 'Round
Tune: Traditional - Black Spiritual; Civil Rights Movement

Verse 1:
Ain't gonna let NOBODY
Turn me/us 'round, turn me/us 'round, turn me/us 'round
Ain't gonna let NOBODY
Turn us 'round

Chorus
We're gonna keep on a-walking,
Keep on a-talking,
Gonna build a better world!

Verses:
2. Ain't gonna let Discrimination...
3. ... Intimidation...
4. ... No Racism...
5. ... Homophobia...
6. ... No Hatred...
7. ... No Violence...
170. DOWN BY THE RIVERSIDE/STUDY WAR NO MORE  
**Tune: Trad. - Black Spiritual**  
**Verse 1:** I’m gonna lay down my sword and shield  
Down by the riverside (3x)  
I’m gonna lay down my sword and shield  
Down by the riverside  
Study war no more.  
**CHORUS:** I (or: We) ain’t a-gonna study war no more (6x)  
**Verse 2:** We’re gonna join hands around the world...  
**Verse 3:** We’re gonna sing out until we’re heard...  
**Verse 4:** We’re gonna vote you out or vote you in...  

171. GET UP! ARRIBA!  
**Tune: Bob Marley’s “Get Up, Stand Up!“**  
Get up - ¡Arriba!  
Healthcare is our right (or: Housing, Education, etc...)  
Stand Up - ¡Levántate!  
Carry on the fight!  

172. LISTEN  
**Tune: Frère Jacques, Trad. - French**  
Listen ______, listen ______  
Do you hear? Do you hear?  
We want ______, we want ______  
Is that clear? Is that clear?
173. **SHARE THE DOUGH**  *Tune: “Let it Snow”  
*Words: Julie McCall

**Verse 1:** While the minimum wage is frightful  
For the wealthy life’s delightful  
Tell those millionaire CEO’s  
Share the dough! *(repeat 3x)*

**Verse 2:** The battle around us rages  
As we fight for living wages  
And we want to get what we’re owed  
Share the dough! *(repeat 3x)*

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174. **DE COLORES**  *Tune: Trad. - Mexican, UFW favorite  
*Many beautiful versions on YouTube

**Verso 1:** De colores, de colores se visten los campos en la primavera  
De colores, de colores son los pajaritos  
Que vienen de afuera  
De colores, de colores es el arco iris  
Que vemos lucir.  

**CORO:** Y por eso los grandes amores de muchos colores me gustan a mí *(2x)*

**Verso 2:** Canta el gallo, canta el gallo con el  
Kiri, kiri, kiri, kiri, kiri  
La gallina, la gallina con el  
Cara, Cara, Cara, Cara, Cara  
Los polluelos, los polluelos con el  
iPío, Pío, Pío, Pío, Pí-!

**CORO**
CHORUS: We leave families home at night
   Working two jobs is the norm
   And we know that it’s just not right
   This system needs some reform.
Verse 3: The economy’s globalizing
   In the streets we’re organizing
   And we’re making our movement grow
   Share the dough! (repeat 3x)

175. THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE  Tune: Trad. - Gospel
CHORUS:
   This little light of mine, I’m/We’re gonna let it shine
   This little light of mine I’m gonna let it shine
   This little light of mine I’m gonna let it shine
   Let it shine, Let it shine, Let it shine
   (or: With the light of the mighty ninety-nine!)
Verses:
1. Up and down our streets, we’re gonna let...
2. The whole world is for peace, we’re gonna...
3. Through these prison walls, we’re gonna...
4. From Wall Street to the White House...
5. Everywhere we go, we’re gonna let it...
6. Ain’t nobody gonna “whoof” it out
   (hold up your index finger and “blow” it out)
7. Down in _____ town, you don’t cross that picket line.
176. **LOOK TO THE PEOPLE**
*Words and Music: Ruth Pelham - Used with Permission*

**Verses:** We're gonna look to the people for **courage**
(also: wisdom, justice, struggle, laughter, and loving)
In the hard times coming ahead
We're gonna sing and shout
We're gonna work it out
In the hard times coming ahead

**CHORUS:** With people's courage (3x)
We can make it.

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177. PEACE SALAAM SHALOM
Words and Music: Pat Humphries and Sandy Opatow of Emma’s Revolution. Used with Permission.

ROUND: Peace, salaam, shalom (repeated)

Verses:
1. We believe in peace
2. We will work for peace
3. We can live in peace

Round

Peace sal-aam, shalom, Peace sal-aam, shalom,

Peace sal-aam, shalom, Peace sal-aam, shalom,

Peace sal-aam, shalom, Peace sal-aam, shalom,

We believe in peace

We believe in peace

We believe in peace

We will work for

We will work for

We will work for

Obligato I

round, 3rd time: 1st soloist

Peace sal-aam, shalom, Peace sal-aam, shalom, We believe in peace

We believe in peace

We believe in peace

Obligato II

2nd soloist begin upbeat to round 3rd time

shalom sal-aam shalom sal-aam shal-

shalom sal-aam sha-lom salaam shalom
178. SOLIDARITY FOREVER
Tune: Battle Hymn of the Republic, Words: Ralph Chaplin
Verse 1: When the union’s inspiration
Thru 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
For the union makes us strong.
CHORUS: Solidarity forever (3x)
For the union makes us strong.
Verse 2: 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 3: 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
CHORUS
En Español
Verso 1: Llevarremos en la sangre
La grandeza sindical
No tendrá poder más grande
El laborismo mundial
Compañero si eres débil
Con tu fuerza individual
Que viva la unión.
CORO: Solidaridad por siempre
Solidaridad por siempre
Solidaridad por siempre
Que viva la unión
(or: Con la fuerza sindical)

Rockin’ SOLIDARITY FOREVER - CHORUS
It’s great when you jazz up the chorus
Come on people, now - Solidarity forever
(Everybody needs) - Solidarity forever
(People crying for) - Solidarity forever
It’s the union - Yeah - the union makes us
The union - Yeah - The union makes us
The union - Yeah - The union makes us strong!
179. UNION  Tune: AMEN, Trad. - Gospel
CHORUS: Union, union, union, union, union, union
(or: Freedom, freedom, etc...)
   All:
Verse 1: Union
   Union
   Union, union, union.
Verse 2: Union
   Union
   Union, union, union.
Verse 3: Union
   Union
   Union, union, union.

Call:
        Everybody now
        Stand together now
Verse 2: Union
        We can make it
        They can’t take it from us
Verse 3: Union
        Raise your voices
        Sing for justice

180. THE PEACE SONG  Tune: ROSE, ROSE
Peace, peace, peace, peace.
Wars have been and wars must cease.
We must learn to live together.
Peace, peace, peace

Peace, peace, peace, peace,
Wars have been and wars must cease,
We must learn to live to-ge-ther. Peace, pe-ace, peace.
181. THE UNION IS A LION  Tune: Author Unknown
(1199 - Sung on the Avery Heights Picket line - Hartford, CT and Kingsbridge Nursing Home Picket Line - Bronx, NY)
You’re wrong to trouble the union  You’re wrong.
You’re wrong to trouble the union  You’re wrong.
The union is a lion  The lion will devour you.
You’re wrong to trouble the union  You’re wrong
(and: Trouble the people... the students, etc...)

You’re wrong to trouble the union, you’re wrong.  You’re wrong to trouble the union, you’re wrong.
The union is a lion, the lion will devour you.  You’re wrong to trouble the union, you’re wrong.
(and: ... trouble the people... , the students etc...)
182. **WE SHALL NOT BE MOVED**  
*Tune: Trad. - Black Spiritual*  

**CHORUS:** 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.  

**Verses:**  
1. The union is behind us we shall not be moved (2x)  
2. We’re black, brown, white together *etc...*  
3. We’re singing for our children *etc...*  
4. We’ll stand and work together *etc...*  
5. We’re old and young together *etc...*  
6. We’re gay and straight together *(or: queer) etc...*  
7. We’re trans and cis together *etc...*  

**En Español:**  
**CORO:** No, no, no, no nos moveran! (2x)  
Como un árbol firme junto al río  
No nos moverán.  

**Versos:**  
1. Unidos venceremos... no nos moverán (2x)  
   *(or: fuertes somos ya...)*  
2. Unidos en la lucha *etc...*  
3. Unidos en la huelga *etc...*  
4. Trabajando y cantando *etc...*  
5. Jóvenes y viejos *etc...*  
6. Luchamos por los hijos *etc...*  
7. Fuertes, fuertes, fuertes somos ya *etc...*
183. **WE SHALL OVERCOME** *Tune: Trad. - Black Spiritual*

**Verse 1:** We shall overcome
   We shall overcome
   We shall overcome, some day

**CHORUS:** O-O-Oh deep in my heart
   I do believe
   We shall overcome some day.

**Verses:**
2. We shall live in peace *(3x)*, Someday
3. Truth Shall Make Us Free *(3x)*, Today
4. Whole Wide World Around *(3x)*, Today
5. We’ll Walk Hand In Hand *(3x)*, Today
6. We are not afraid *(3x)*, Today

**En Español:**

**Verso 1:** Unidos venceremos *(3x)* hoy

**CORO:** O-O-Oh en mi corazón
   Yo creo   Unidos venceremos.

**Verso 2.** Viviremos en paz *(3x)* hoy
184.  **WE WISH YOU A HAPPY HOLIDAY**

* Tune: *We Wish You A Merry Christmas*  
* Words: Julie McCall*  

**CHORUS:** We wish you a happy holiday (3x)  
And a joyous new year.  

**Verse 1:** We thank one and all  
For support that you bring  
Through the halls of our office  
Solidarity rings.  

**CHORUS**  

**Verse 2:** A contract takes talk  
And talking takes two  
Without good-faith bargaining  
There’s no peace for you.  

**CHORUS**  

**Verse 3:** On Kwanzaa or Christmas  
And Hanukkah, too.  
A season of justice  
Is our wish for you.  

Alternate **CHORUS:** (*UNITE - Plastronics strike*)  
We wish you a merry Christmas  
We don’t want to stop your business  
But we really need a contract  
And we need it right now.
185. **WHEN WE WIN A LIVING WAGE**
   *Tune: When the Saints Go Marching In*
   *Words: Julie McCall, Christine Haupert-Wemmer*

**Verse 1:** Oh when we win - a living wage
   Oh when we win a living wage

**CHORUS:** Oh how I want to be in that number
   When we win a living wage

**Verses:**
2. And when the bo-sses earn their pay...
3. When every wor-ker has a job...
4. When healthcare is - a right for all...
5. When equal work - gets equal pay...

**Final Verse:** When every wor-ker’s organized
   When every worker’s organized
   We will all be there in numbers
   When every worker’s organized.

186. **HEY!**
   *Tune: Hey! Baby by Bruce Channel*
   *Great videos on YouTube*

Hey- Hey ______ (ex: Trump)
OOH AAH
I wanna know- (ooh ooh)
Why you're such a ________ (ex: grump)
187. YOU SCREWED US OVER
Tune: Hey! Look Me Over
You screwed us over
That’s why we say
We’re gonna watch you
Each and every day.

or: Come election day.
So don’t turn your backs boys
Don’t feel secure
We’re gonna get you in the end
Of that you can be sure
And we’ll be back by the millions
You know it’s true
Hang on to your ass, boys
We’re coming after you
Here is the lesson we’ve learned
This year
On this you can rely
When we’re screwed
We multiply!!
188. **Warrior**  
*Tune: Author Unknown*

___ ___ ___ is a warrior Hoo  
___ ___ ___ is a warrior Hoo  
Everywhere you go   You can hear them say  
___ ___ ___ is a warrior Hoo

Everywhere you go   You can hear them say   ___ ___ ___ is a war-rior Hoo
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