

Songbook and Teaching Album

WE VOTE FOR US

Songs for Election Defense

Compiled by Songs In the Key of Resistance
and Singing Resistance

ABOUT

As we approach election day, we know that those in power will do anything to maintain that power. With approval rates down and prices on the rise, they are using trickery, rule-breaking and intimidation to try to prevent us from voting.

These threats to our democracy are connected to multiple, intersecting crises - the detention and deportation of immigrant communities, mass incarceration, an economy that serves the billionaires and steals from the rest of us, the destruction of our planet and climate chaos. More and more of us are hungry, uninsured, underemployed and facing endless debt. **To prevent these conditions and crises from getting worse, we need to protect and strengthen the democratic systems we still have and build the people power it will take to transform our economic and political systems.**

These songs are a heartfelt offer to our communities and our movements to empower and invigorate our election defense efforts everywhere across the country. They were made in partnership between Singing Resistance and Songs in the Key of Resistance (SKOR). We envision these songs being used in the streets, at our polling places, in our living rooms, and in the places we gather with community in defense of our democracy and rights. As Lu Aya of the Peace Poets and SKOR says: We won't ever let go of that hard won freedom to vote!

Check out Singing Resistance's website to learn more about the album's artists, and to find the latest releases!

ABOUT

This is a teaching album: it includes a teaching track and a story track for each song so that you can intentionally learn the song and tell its story. Sharing the artist's story and the song's connection to social movements is an essential practice in our organizing that carries lessons from one place to another to build a stronger movement ecosystem. Gather with friends, strangers and neighbors now to learn them, so that we can be prepared to use them when it most counts.

Songs in the Key of Resistance (SKOR) is a cross-movement project, hosted by the Kairos Center for Religions, Rights, and Social Justice, for artists, organizers, faith leaders, and community members to come together in song.

Singing Resistance mobilizes people to take action through song to protect what we love, while building a culture based in belonging and solidarity.

Find out more about how to get involved with election defense and protection work here:

- Singing Resistance
- Songs in the Key of Resistance

VOLUME 01

WE VOTE FOR US

by Sarina Partridge

The Story

This song was inspired by a video that I saw called Vote like a Radical by the NDN Collective. What I took away from that video was that we can shift how we think about our votes. They're often framed as voting for someone, endorsing a candidate's politics, our votes saying a lot about our identities and who we are. And this video was inviting people to think about a vote in a different way: Think about voting to choose your opponent — and the opponent that you and your movements are best positioned to push against. And that's always how it is. As soon as someone gets elected, they become our opponents, and the best way that we can support them is by pushing against them to move towards serving the people. All power to the people. And that gives me hope, because that's who I'm fighting for.

The Lyrics

We never voted for them -
We vote for US, we vote for US
All power to the people

Oh, when you need hope
Hold your people close
Yeah, you give me hope
I remember, I was never in this alone

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IT'S THE EARLY VOTE

by The Peace Poets

The Story

This song longs to offer some urgent clarity to our GOTV efforts- the more of us that vote early, the more of us can actually help get our people to the polls! This is for this moment in collaboration with Songs in the Key of Resistance and Singing Resistance to fight the tide of fascism with creative strategic resistance!

The Lyrics

We got it, in our pocket, it's the key to our victory,

It's the early vote, so we all can go,

mobilize our community

If you're Dr. King's Dreamers, if you're the holders of hope,

We need all the believers, to act like we know...

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HARD WON FREEDOM

by The Peace Poets

The Story

This song emerged in a burst of outrage against the right wing attack on voting rights. The Peace Poets joined Songs for Good, Black Voters Matter, The League of Women Voters and others to re-root the people in the intense and courageous sacrifice of our people who fought and won the right for an accessible vote!

The Lyrics

We won't, we won't
Ever let go
Of that hard won
Freedom
Freedom to vote

We the people are for the people
And for the people we act
We the people are for the people
Now will you have our back

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RIDING INTO HISTORY

by Arnaé Batson

The Story

This song was written especially for The Fierce Urgency of Now: The National March into Marquette Park mobilization and the Freedom Trail Caravans, honoring the legacy of the 1966 Chicago Freedom Movement while calling a new generation to respond to renewed attacks on voting rights, expanding systems of criminalization and detention, and deepening economic inequality. As SKOR helped lead multi-faith communities from across the country to Chicago by bus, this song reminded us that we were not simply traveling to an event - we are riding into history, carrying forward the work of those who marched before us and helping shape the future together.

The Lyrics

We are *We are*
Riding *Riding*
Riding to our destiny

We are *We are*
Riding *Riding*
Riding for our families

We are *We are*
Riding *Riding*
Riding to our victory

We got our boots on the ground
Ten toes down and
We are riding into history (repeat)

Ohhhh oh-oh oh-oh
We move in solidarity
Ohhhh oh-oh oh-oh
I got your back and I know you got mine
Ohhhh oh-oh oh-oh
Demanding justice on delivery

We got our boots on the ground
Ten toes down and
We are riding into history (repeat)

**Verse 2 sub marching for riding*

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VOLUME 02

ON THE LINE

Music by Charon Hribar, Lyrics by Charon Hribar and The Peace Poets

The Story

We wrote this song as encouragement for those moments when exercising your right to vote means waiting in a long line. As barriers to voting continue to impact poor and low-income communities, communities of color, and voters with disabilities, staying in line can be an act of commitment - a reminder that our voices and our communities deserve to be heard. The message is simple: Stay in line. Know your rights. Don't let long waits or intimidation keep you from casting your vote.

If you're on the line, then you're right on time
This is your rightful place, this is the people's space

The Lyrics

Part 1
If you're on the line
then you're right on time
this is your rightful place
this is the people's space

Part 2
We won't (echo)
Turn back (echo)
When our votes are (echo)
Under attack (echo)

Part 3
We might wait all night long
but we're still going strong
you hear the people's song
and we'll keep keepin' on

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DOWN THE LINE

by Lydia Volet

The Story

This song draws on the courage that lives in our ancestral lines, remembering that somewhere in each of our histories, someone stood up for what was right, resisted harm, or protected others. I wrote it especially for moments when courage is needed at the polls, when people might face intimidation or when vulnerable communities need solidarity and protection. I invite you to sing the word courage in whatever language connects you to your own lineage, in Farsi, my family's language, we say shojā'ī; in Arabic, sumud speaks to steadfastness and resilience. May this song remind us of the courage that comes down the line, and the courage we can call upon and offer one another, at the polls and far beyond.

The Lyrics

I feel their courage coming down the line
They stood up so we could rise
I feel their courage coming down the line
Guiding us to make it right

I feel your courage coming down the line
You stood up so we could rise
I feel your courage coming down the line
Guiding us to make it right

I feel our courage coming down the line
We stood up and we will rise
I feel our courage coming down the line
Guiding us to make it right
Guiding us to stand for our rights
Guiding us to make it right

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HOLD THE LINE

by Karisha Longaker

The Story

I imagined us as a people swaying together, strong in our connection, imagine arms over one another's shoulders or hand in hand in a line to protect those who most need it. I wanted a song with ample possibility for thick layers of harmony to remind us that we are beautiful together, that we belong to one another. I was standing at the kitchen counter while Lydia was sharing the intention for this song with me when I started hearing this melody and feeling us all swaying and singing in solidarity. The words continued to pour through while simultaneously tears poured through as I folded laundry. We the people, who do simple things to keep the world going have the power to protect and care for one another.

The Lyrics

My freedom is your freedom
Our liberation is intertwined
It's my honor to protect us
I will gladly help hold the line

Hold the line
Hold the line
Our liberation is intertwined
It's my honor to protect us
I will gladly help hold the line*

*Alternative lyrical possibility:
"I will gladly help hold the line"
can be sung as
"I am here to help hold the line"

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WE WILL PROTECT EACH OTHER

by The Peace Poets with Francisco Herrera and Oona Valle

The Story

This song was written for migrant justice work in California and across the country. Post 2024 election, we gathered to take action and remind the world and each other that in the face of hateful policies, we choose love and solidarity. Used to ground the group in our commitment to each other and also to remember that the lands, waters and skies are always on OUR side.

The Lyrics

We will protect each other

We will be everything we need

The good land, the wild water

The whole sky is always on our side!

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SET IT RIGHT AGAIN

by Ana Hernández

The Story

This song adapts a line from Sojourner Truth's stirring and courageous speech at the 1851 Women's Rights Convention in Akron Ohio, as transcribed by Marius Robinson: "I have heard the Bible and have learned that Eve caused man to sin. Well if woman upset the world, do give her a chance to set it right side up again." The song calls us all to action as we contemplate the "great trouble in this land" – and that we are the ones who will "set it right again".

The Lyrics

There's a great trouble in the land
We're gonna set it right again (x3)
We're gonna set it right
Set it right again
Time to get up, get out the vote
We're gonna set it right again (x3)
We're gonna set it right
Set it right again
Intimidation and changin' the rules
We're gonna set it right again (x3)
We're gonna set it right
Set it right again
Voting has never been truly free
We're gonna set it right again
It's always been them but it's got to be we
We're gonna set it right again
Voting has never been truly free
We're gonna set it right again
We're gonna set it right
Set it right again
Trouble's been brewin' too many years
We're gonna set it right again (x3)
We're gonna set it right
Set it right again
We're gonna set it right
Set it right again
We're gonna set it right
Set it right again

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VOLUME 03

ANVIL

by Crys Matthews

The Story

Earlier this year, after the Supreme Court essentially put the death knell in the Voting Rights Act, nearly every Southern state in the country decided to go about the business of redrawing their maps specifically for the purposes of dismantling Black voting power. In my home state of Tennessee, that meant cracking Memphis into three new districts. Not only that, the ripple effects impacted my own city, Nashville, and several other places in Tennessee as well. When we got word that they were going to redraw those maps, we knew that we were going to go down to the capital, and we knew that we would be there all three days. Regardless of the outcome, it was important to bear witness to what it was they were trying to do. And when we knew we were going to go down there, I wanted to write something for us to sing, something for us to chant, something to galvanize the people because music does that so very well. And so, I wrote the below. The melody that I put behind those words was a simple one because it mattered that people could sing it quickly, and they did, and I hope you will, too. I'm a Black southerner. My people used music to sing themselves to freedom, and I hope that we will do that again.

The Lyrics

They wanna take my vote away
I'm here to tell them not today
I'm gonna lift my voice
Lift my feet
Til I'm buried in my grave

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AS LONG AS IT TAKES

by Sarina Partridge

The Story

We were thinking about, how do we help people stay with this voting process for as long as it takes? On the front end, we were thinking about how many people don't know that as long as you're in the line to vote, even if it's past the hour when the polls are supposed to close, you still get to vote. So we were thinking, we need a song to encourage people to stay in line, to hold the line -- for as long as it takes. And this melody started coming in. And I was also thinking about how this song could support the post-election process and staying with that for as long as it takes -- pushing our officials and systems to count the votes, to certify the election, and saying to ourselves and each other and the voting systems: you better count the votes, for as long as it takes! We are waiting.

My hope for this song is that it can be customizable to these during-the-elections and after-the-elections different scenarios, but also that it could be really flexible and adaptable. You could sing this song saying things like... "We're gonna stand up for the water, we're gonna stand up for the water -- for as long as it takes..." because so many of the movements that we're a part of, it's a long haul! And I thought, I could really use a song to remind me that I am in this movement for as long as it takes.

The Lyrics

We're gonna hold the line, we're gonna hold the line

For as long [for as long]

As it takes [as it takes]

We're gonna hold the line, we're gonna hold the line

No one's gonna take our voice or our vote away

No one's gonna take our voice or our vote away

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NONE OF US ARE FREE

by Arnaé Batson

The Story

Inspired by the words of Fannie Lou Hamer– "Until I am free, you are not free either" during a speech she delivered at the founding of the National Women's Political Caucus in Washington, D.C., on July 10, 1971.

The Lyrics

Optional Intro: I woke up this morning with my mind set on freedom 3x

Halleluj 3x ah (call and repeat)

None of us, none of us, none of us are free

Until all of us, all of us, all of us are free

**You can choose to start the song with "I woke up this morning with my mind" as a lead-in, or start with "None of us, none of us"*

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YOU CANNOT ERASE US

by Lydia Violet

The Story

After Trump threatened to erase an entire civilization, speaking of Iran, and I found myself terrified for my family and for the world, texting friends over and over: "He can't erase us, right? He can't erase us." Through the beautiful, steady support of my community, that fear transformed into a song within 24 hours. I offer it to all peoples facing the threat of erasure, and to the fierce, enduring spirit of those who rise to protect humanity; a spirit that, also, cannot be erased.

The Lyrics

You cannot erase us

You cannot erase us

The voters they rise

And the tyrants they fall

You cannot erase us

**the phrase "the people they rise and the empires fall" has been changed by the artist to "the voters they rise and the tyrants they fall"*

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HEY CORPORATIONS

by Annie Schlaefer

The Story

We wanted to include a song on this album that speaks directly to corporations and can be used at actions that are calling on corporations to stand against tyranny and protect our elections.

"Noncooperation" means refusing to comply with unjust laws or orders. Economic noncooperation means withdrawing our participation from parts of the economy. Power holders may not listen to us if we just protest in the streets - but when we impact their bottom line, they start to pay attention. If the people in charge don't count every vote and honor the results of the elections, we can use strategies like general strikes, boycotts, and pressure campaigns to turn up the heat on corporations, demanding that they publicly declare their opposition to the government's actions.

The Lyrics

Hey corporations
You got power in our nation
Cuz without you
There's little they can do
Protect our votes
In this election
Will you stand with us?
Voice your objection!

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ADDITIONAL SONGS FOR ELECTION DEFENSE

WE ARE DEFENDERS OF DEMOCRACY

By The Peace Poets

The Story

This song originated from our collaboration with the CIW, farm workers organizing in South Florida to declare we'd never surrender our dignity and re-emerged in 2020 to activate the people to defend the voting rights that generations of freedom fighters have lived and died to win.

The Lyrics

We are the defenders of (3x)
Democracy
We will not surrender no (2x)
We will not surrender our democracy!

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GONNA VOTE FOR MY NEIGHBORS

by Sarah M. Greer

Note from Sarah: "I love that some folks sing 'vote for my children' AND I believe it's important to sing "the children" ... It is easy to think of and act in the interests of your own children. The idea behind this song is that we are expanding our circles of people for whom we take action."

The Lyrics

I'm gonna vote for my neighbors
not just for myself (x2)
I'm gonna vote for my neighbors
including the unhoused
I'm gonna vote from love

for the* children / for the water / for the
imprisoned / for my trans friends / for the
people / for the planet

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I WILL STAY WITH YOU

by Aly Halpert

The Lyrics

This time of year when the rains don't come
And your throat is dry with fear
And your ancestors are tired of running
Hearts beating too fast in your skin

And baby I know you're scared
And I am too
We're in this fight together
They're gonna have to get through me to get to you (x2)

Chorus
Cuz I will stay with you
Til the water meets the sea
I will stay with you
We'll make the world
As it needs to be

Cuz they're gonna have to get through me to get to you
(x4)

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The Story of Songs Below

When election results were not honored in Ukraine or Serbia or Brazil, people protested and led strikes to enforce the election results. We may have to do that here, too. In the US, corporations have enormous economic and political power, and they hold real sway over the people in charge of our government. The administration cannot carry out their repressive actions without the support and compliance of many sectors of society, including corporate leaders. These two songs were written for actions that are calling on corporations to break their silence and speak out against attempts to sabotage our elections.

WE'RE LOOKING AT YOU

by Annie Schlaefer

The Lyrics

Hey (corporation's name) we're looking at you (echo)
Whatcha gonna do whatcha gonna do? (echo)
You got the power (echo)
to say no (echo)
Let us hear you say: (echo)
Hands off the vote! (echo)

GET OFF THE SIDELINES

by Annie Schlaefer

The Lyrics

First Layer	Second Layer
It would be sweet	Dear CEO in the ivory tower
If the C Suite	We sing to you cuz you have the power
Would decide	To speak up speak out
To get off the sidelines	About this new direction
	Let's hear you stand for election protection

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WE KEEP US SAFE

by SKOR and The Peace Poets

The Story

This song was written as a de escalation song to keep us grounded in love in moments of tension.

The Lyrics

Who keeps us safe? We keep us safe. [Repeat]
Our love for our people, will conquer hate

I WANNA SING ABOUT A FUTURE THAT IS BEAUTIFUL

By Heidi Wilson

The Lyrics

I wanna sing about a future that is beautiful
I wanna see you there, I wanna see you there

I wanna sing about a future that is beautiful
I wanna see you there, I wanna see you there

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SING DOWN THE WALLS

Written by the Children in Dilley Detention Center in collaboration with The Peace Poets and SKOR

The Story

his song was written at Dilley, TX during the summer of 2026 with children inside the detention center. We wrote this song as a call to action to mobilize communities into creating a shared experience between people currently in detention and people on the outside in solidarity.

The Lyrics

I sing from here, you sing from there
Together we'll sing down the walls everywhere
with love in our hearts like the waves in the sea
together we'll sing
til everyone's free, til everyone's free

Yo canto aca, tu cantas alla
Juntos los muros vamos a tumbar
Con nuestro amor como olas del mar
Cantando llegamos
a la libertad, a la libertad

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REBEL

by The Peace Poets

The Story

song to deepen our fierce commitment to living for the safety, dignity and freedom of every single child, all over the world.

The Lyrics

Rebel against the war they sell
Rebel against the lies they tell
Rebel and let us do this right
Rebel for the children in the world tonight

Rebel for all the people in...
Rebel for all the families in...

For the people for the land
Rise up take a stand

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FAITH CALL US TO LOVE OUT LOUD

Original Song by the Peace Poets + Green Faith. Adapted by SKOR

The Story

The original version of this song was written for stopping fossil fuel extraction and remixed by The Peace Poets and SKOR for Free Families campaign. Free Families is a national, faith-rooted effort to end family separation and the detention of immigrant children and families while building a movement for dignity, freedom, and justice for all families.

The Lyrics

Faith calls us to love out loud
Spirit speaks we hear the sound
Of all creation rising now
Free our families we're freedom bound
For all our children
Freedom Now

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DON'T YOU WANNA VOTE

Adapted by Yara Allen

The Story

"Don't You Want to Go?" is a traditional gospel song written by Earnestine Rundless. The song was adapted by Yara Allen during the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call for Moral Revival efforts to mobilize poor and low income people who make up 35% of the voting electorate.

The Lyrics

Come on come on come on
Don't you want to vote
Come on come on come on
Don't you want to vote
Come on come on come on
Don't you want to vote
Yes, I want to vote

Have you registered somebody
Don't you want to vote...

Will you meet me at the polling place
Don't you want to vote...

Go and raise your voices
Don't you want to vote...

Do it for the children
Don't you want to vote...

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RICH MAN'S HOUSE

by Minka Wiltz and the Economic Human Rights Choir
of the New Freedom Bus Tour

The Story

This is a powerful song that was birthed by poor and homeless families of the Kensington Welfare Rights Union during the New Freedom Bus Tour in 1998. It is a song that lifts up the power of the 140 million poor and low income people in this country who are organizing to take back what is ours. This song has been sung at state capitals, eviction defense actions, mass meetings, bus tours and in homeless encampments to lift up our dignity and humanity as poor and dispossessed people in a cruelly unjust society. As the leaders of the New Freedom Bus Tour learned, the struggles they were facing in Kensington and the injustices that they were organizing to end were connected to the struggles that other poor and dispossessed people across the United States. Rich Man's House became a symbol for the capitalist system that has become all too comfortable with the death of our people at the hands of poverty, systemic racism, militarism and ecological devastation. The song became a declaration that we would no longer allow this death dealing system to "walk all over me." We sing this song today to demand that our lives and our dignity be the guiding priority of our work to build the world our people need and deserve.

The Lyrics

Well I, went down to the rich
man's house and I,

Took back what he stole from me
(Took it back)
Took back my dignity
(Took it back)
Took back my humanity
[repeat]

Now we're out in the streets,
out in the streets,
out in the streets,
out in the streets,

Ain't gonna let no fascists take our democracy!

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READY

by Alexandra (Ahlay) Blakely

The Lyrics

I know we've been prepared for these times
I know
in my bones
in my blood, in my belly
I can feel
we are ready
We are ready, we are ready
I feel it in my bones and blood and belly
ready
we are ready
I feel it in my bones and blood and belly

VOTE AND ORGANIZE

by The Peace Poets

The Lyrics

We’re gonna Vote
AND Organize
Freedom Won’t Come
Til The People Rise!

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THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE

Traditional, adaptation by Matthew David Morris

The Story

Shared during the Poor People's Campaign: A National Call fro Moral Revival M.O.R.E. Arts Unleashed Concert - October 24, 2020 - a music and spoken word concert that was organized to inspire, motive and challenge people to vote around an agenda that lifts up the voices and lives of poor and low-income people.

The Lyrics

This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine (x3)
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

This here voice of mine
is for singing songs of freedom (x3)
Sing 'em loud, simg 'em loud, sing 'em loud

These here hands of mine
are for voting tyrants out (x3)
So vote 'em out, vote 'em out, vote 'em out

These feet here of mine
march me to the polling station
Here I go, here I go, here I go

This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine (x3)
let it shine, let shine, let it shine

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THE FUTURE IS CALLING

by Sarina Partridge

The Lyrics

The future is calling, is calling for healing
Can you hear it? Can you hear it? (echo)

The future is calling, is calling for healing
And the people will sing along
And the singing will keep us strong
*Variation: justice, joy, courage, etc.

PEOPLE GONNA RISE LIKE THE WATER

by The Peace Poets

The Story

One of the most widely used climate justice songs across the world, this song was written to bring the sacred voice of future generations into today's struggle for healing, justice and liberation.

The Lyrics

The people gonna rise like water
We gonna face this crisis now
I hear the voice of my great granddaughter
Sayin keep it in the ground

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WE THE PEOPLE

by L. Gallatin/BVOCAL

The Story

BVOCAL is most often in the streets with no instrumental accompaniment. Just our voices. By singing songs with simple parts that can be layered on top of each other, even inexperienced singers are able to add texture and harmony. We've been singing this song nonstop this fall. Once the election is over, the third line of Part II can be adapted to whatever victory or crisis we face.

The Lyrics

Part I:

We the people have a voice.
We the people have a choice.

Part II:

They can lie, they can cheat,
Change the laws, turn back the clock,
But in November I will vote
'Cause this nightmare's gotta stop.

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KEEP IT MOVING

by L. Gallatin/BVOCAL

The Story

This song was originally written in the 1990s for the union women's picket line chorus, On the Line. The idea was to break up the monotony of walking the line during a long strike with a song that got folks dancing, "Keep it moving right in time, rocking to the rhythm on the picket line." Over the years the lyrics have been adapted for many causes, for instance, "Keep it legal, now's the time, abortion safe and funded and the choice all mine". And now we've written an election protection verse, along with a generic verse that you can adapt for any cause.

The Lyrics

They're trying to rig the election and your right to be heard,
Making it hard to cast a ballot on November 3rd.
They're trying to rig the election and your right to be heard,
Making it hard to cast a ballot on November 3rd.
I said, What do we want? Count my vote (2x)
What do we want? Count my vo-o-o-ote,
Count every vote.
[chant] Count my vote! Count my vote!

I said keep it movin', feel the heat,
Rockin' to the rhythm as we take to the streets.
Keep it movin', feel the heat,
Rockin' to the rhythm as we take to the streets.
I said keep it movin', now's the time
Keep it moving, now's the ti-i-ime,
Lives are on the line.
[chant to fit the occasion]

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