

SINGING RESISTANCE

♪ SONGBOOK ♪

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ABOUT: This songbook is part of the Singing Resistance movement. Before learning the songs, be sure to review the toolkit above. It's highly encouraged to create an Instagram account with your group's singing action so they can be amplified. You can find examples of those actions here at the [Twin Cities Instagram account](#). **To print this document: make sure you scroll to the top of the document first.*

Deep gratitude to all of the artists in the songbook who continue to feed and fuel social movements throughout history and now. We highly encourage following their work.

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A) WALKING VIGILS IN RESPONSE TO ICE ACTIVITY

1. [We Are Not Afraid](#) - **Lu Aya of the Peace Poets**

English:

We are not afraid, we are not afraid.
We will live for liberation
cuz we know why we were made

Spanish:

No tengo miedo, no tengo miedo.
Viviré por la libertad
porque yo se mi razon de ser

5. [I Send My Hope \(To those Resisting Everywhere\)](#) - **Jordan Mudd**

I send my hope
I send my prayer
I send my strength to those
resisting everywhere

May you stand tall
may you stay true
may you walk forward towards the
work
you're called to do.

2. [We Belong To Each Other](#) - **Annie Schlaefer, after words by Nikita Gill**

Everyone, oh everyone, oh everyone
of these people are ours,
just like we are theirs.

We belong to them, and they belong
to us.

6. [Ashes and Smoke](#) - **Linda Allen**

We have been burned, burned by
the fire.
And we are ashes, ashes and
smoke.

But we will rise, higher and higher
on the wings of compassion, justice
and hope

3. [This is for our neighbors](#) - **Lu Aya of the Peace Poets**

This is for our people who are locked
inside,
together, we will, Abolish ICE

7. [We Keep Us Safe](#) - **Peace Poets**

Who keeps us safe? We keep us
safe. [Repeat]

Our love for our people, will conquer
hate

*Variation: neighbors, families...

4. [Hold on](#) - **Heidi Wilson**

Hold on, hold on
my dear ones here comes the dawn.

8. [Solo El Pueblo Salva El Pueblo](#)
- **The Peace Poets**

Solo el pueblo, salva el pueblo.
If one of us falls, we all rise up!

B) GRIEF VIGILS

1. [Hold on](#) - **Heidi Wilson**

Hold on, hold on
my dear ones here comes the dawn.

2. [Grief and Love](#) - **Sarina Partridge**

Grief moving through me
Let my body
Feel the waves of love and grief...

Grief, grief and love
Let me feel it all
Let me feel it all

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6. [Say No](#) - **NOENEMIES collective** ([Diff version-SR](#))

Say no, we won't be silent while
our friends are gunned down

I'm a sleeping giant (by Suzi Q Smith)
There is a riot in my bones
We will not be silent (by Sam Rise)
Til all our friends are home

<p>4. <u>Give it to the Water</u> - Sol Weiss</p> <p><u>Give it</u> to the water, till it all runs clear Give it to the water, till it's clear.</p> <p>*Variation: <u>Listen</u> to the water...</p>	<p><i>*song written during Black Lives Matter mvmt</i></p> <p>7. <u>The Central Song</u> - Lilia Yorkhall</p> <p>We will show up to neighbor to resist as long as it takes for us all to be <u>whole</u></p> <p>*Variation: to be free/exist/find rest...</p>
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C) SONGS TO ENCOURAGE DEFECTIONS

<p>1. <u>You Can Quit</u> - Barbara McAfee</p> <p>You can quit You don't have to stay Part of you knows it's wrong to treat people this way In the words of dear Renee We're not mad at you dude and you can step away (x2)</p>	<p>4. <u>Come Back Home</u> - Sarina Partridge</p> <p>There is a place (echo) Set for you (echo) At our table (echo) When you're ready to unpin your badge (echo) lay down your gun (echo) And come back home And come back home</p>
<p>2. <u>We Walk the Same Ground</u> - Annie Schlaefer</p> <p>We walk the same ground (echo) But we've been torn apart (echo) Put down your <u>weapons</u> (echo) Come sing your part (echo)</p>	<p>5. <u>It's Ok to Change Your Mind</u> - Annie Schlaefer</p> <p>Ooh it's okay to change your mind Show us your courage leave this behind</p>

<p>*Weapons / hatred / anger / armor <i>*Some borrowed (with permission) melodies from Sarah Burgess</i></p>	<p>Ooh it's okay to change your mind And you can join us Join us here anytime</p>
<p>3. Honor of Pretti - Lilia Yorkhall</p> <p>You're taking our neighbors, you're hurting our city. We ask you to stand with us in honor of Pretti</p>	<p>6. You're One of Us - Lu Aya + Peace Poets</p> <p>You're one of us, you know You're one of us, who knows There is love and pain inside of us We won't let fear divide us (x2)</p>

D) GENERAL ACTIONS

<p>1. Freedom Bound - Jane Sapp, inspired by June Jordan</p> <p>We have come too far we can't turn around We'll flood the streets with justice We are freedom Bound</p>	<p>3. The Dark Times - Alexandra ("Ahlay") Blakely</p> <p>Will there be singing still in the dark times?*</p> <p>Yes there will still be singing (x3) about the dark times *=Round</p>
<p>2. This is a Wave - Sarina Partridge</p> <p>This is a wave, I am the ocean (x3) I am strong enough to hold, wave This <u>grief</u> is a wave, I am the ocean</p>	<p>4. The Future is Calling - Sarina Partridge</p> <p>The future is calling, is calling for <u>healing</u> Can you hear it? Can you hear it? (echo)</p>

(x3)
 I am strong enough, wave after
 waver
 This fear, pain, is a wave...

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.

3. Some Things - Lydia Violet & MaMuse

Some things they don't make no
 sense (x4)
 But I got you you got me too

Some things they make me cry...
 Sometimes they got me scared...
 Sometimes I got rage coming
 through...

5. Who's Got the Power - Sarina Partridge

Who's got the power (echo)
 We've got the power
 What do we do when
 We've got the power
 We take care of each other
 Yes we do, we take care of each other

*Variation = vision, courage, etc.

6. Ready - Alexandra (Ahlay) Blakely

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

9. Gather Your Courage - Coco Love Alcorn

Gather your courage into your heart
 When we're together we can start (x2)

Everybody show up (echo)
 Everybody rise up (echo)
 Everybody shake it up (echo)
 Everybody here (echo)

*Variation: Gather your power, spirit, etc.

<p>we are ready I feel it in my bones and blood and belly</p>	
<p>7. No One Is Getting Left Behind - Joshua Blaine No one is getting left behind this time No one is getting left behind No one is getting left behind this time We get there together, never get there at all (x3)</p>	<p>10. We Were Made for These Times - Angela Gabriel Don't lose hope (do not lose hope) We were made for these times (we were made for this) (x3) Show your soul, it shines like golden in these dark times Don't give up (do not give up)</p>
<p>8. Somebody's hurting my brother - Yara Allen Somebody's hurting my <u>brother</u> And it's gone on far too long (x3) Oh somebody's hurting my brother and it's gone on far too long And we won't be silent anymore *Variation: Scaring our children // Trying to divide us // Taking our families</p>	<p>11. Courage - Alexandray (Ahlay) Blakely Courage is not the absence of fear It is the feeling of this fear Being afraid and showing up anyway</p>

F) ACTIONS FOCUSED ON CORPORATE TARGETS

<p>1. We Are Many - Katie Eckerberger <i>[call & echo]</i> We are many We are one</p>	<p>6. Ceasefire Now - Sol Weiss + Ilana Lerman (rewritten version) Abolish ICE! (x4) Keep our neighbors safe! (x4) Nobody is free.... til everybody's free!</p>
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<p>We won't stop fighting Til ICE is gone!</p> <p>We are many We are one The fight ain't over Til love has won!</p>	<p>(x2)</p> <p>Bring the families home (x4) Abolish ICE (x4) Target do the right thing! (x4) Say no to ICE! (x4)</p>
<p>8. <u>Abolish ICE</u> (Tune: "Oh when the saints go marching"...)</p> <p>Abolish ICE! Abolish ICE! Abolish ICE, right now, right now!</p> <p>We're gonna love and protect all our neighbors! Abolish ICE, right now, right now!</p>	<p>7. <u>Oye Mi Gente - Peace Poets + Anu Yadav</u></p> <p>Oye mi gente traemos la fuerza La libertad es mi única bandera</p> <p>Rise up my people No human being can ever be illegal</p> <p>We belong, we belong together (x4)</p>
<p>4. <u>We Keep Us Safe - Lu Aya + Peace Poets</u></p> <p>Our Love for Our People will conquer hate Who Keeps Us Safe? We Keep Us Safe</p>	<p>3. <u>Abolish ICE - Lu Aya + Peace Poets</u></p> <p>This is for the families who are locked inside! Together - we will - Abolish ICE.</p>
<p>5. <u>We Are Here - Sarina Partridge</u></p> <p>We are here (echo) With our <u>voices</u> (echo) Our love for each other will carry us through</p> <p>*Variation: city, neighbors, courage, grief, families, children, hope, demands</p>	<p>9. <u>Don't Rent to ICE - Sarina Partridge</u></p> <p>The time is right to do what's right</p> <p>Put on the Brakes (echo) Don't rent to ICE (echo)</p> <p><i>*campaign targeted at Enterprise</i></p>

