SONGS FOR CALIFORNIA EDUCATORS RISING

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Ain’t Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me Around

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De Colores

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Solidarity Forever

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We Shall Not Be Moved

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Youtube links to song performances included
AIN’T GONNA LET NOBODY
TURN ME AROUND  African American Trad

Ain't gonna let nobody turn me around
turn me around, turn me around
Ain't gonna let nobody turn me around
Keep on walking, keep on talking
Gonna build a better world

Ain’t gonna let union busters turn me around. . .
   Ain’t gonna let privatizers turn me around. . .
   Ain’t gonna let Broad Academy . . .
   Ain’t gonna let high-paid consultants. . .
   Ain’t gonna let school closures. . .
   Ain’t gonna let no cutbacks. . .

We are grateful to the Civil Rights, Labor, Women’s and other movements for peace and justice
for developing these songs & keeping them alive.
COME & GO WITH ME TO THAT LAND

African American traditional

Come & go with me to that land (2X)
Come & go with me to that land where I’m bound
Come & go with me to that land (2X)
Come & go with me to that land where I’m bound

Union power in that land. . .
No school closures in that land . . .
You can’t privatize that land. . .
Living wages. . .
Smaller class size. . .
Art & music . . .
Honor teachers. . .
Love our children. . .
DE COLORES

traditional, Spain, sixteenth century
adopted as the anthem of the United Farmworkers

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

Y por eso los grandes amores
De muchos colores me gustan a mí
Y por eso los grandes amores
De muchos colores me gustan a mí

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 pollitos, los pollitos con el
    pío, pío, pío, pío, pí

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DIGNITY  by Bonnie Lockhart

We’re talkin’ about dignity
We’re talkin’ about self-respect
We’re sayin’ that unity
Is the way to get it
Don’t tell me that times are tough
You know that I’ve heard that stuff
This union ain’t gonna bust
You can just forget it!

1. They tell us tighten up your belt that’s what we need
   We’re lean and mean, our budget’s nearly bare
   Well if you want to do away with waste and greed
   Don’t tell the union, tax the millionaire!

2. They tell us that we've got to be competitive
   We can't afford these unions any more
   Well take a look around the world and you will see
   That unions never made a nation poor

3. They say we'll lose a lot of jobs if we hold out
   Well, under slavery everyone's employed
   We just can't compromise on solidarity
   We will not let our union be destroyed!
DIGNITY  by Jon Fromer

What’s our dignity* worth
You can’t buy it (Oh no)
What’s our dignity worth
It’s not for sale—
If you put it on a scale our dignity will prevail
You can’t buy it ‘cause it’s not for sale

*Our Union
Our Struggle
What are children worth (you can’t buy ‘em. . .)
What’s Community worth. . .
SOLIDARITY FOREVER  Ralph Chaplin  (2. Bonnie Lockhart, 4. Steve Suffet)

1. When the union’s inspiration through 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,
   But the union makes us strong.

   CHORUS:  Solidarity forever (3x)
            For the union makes us strong.

2. We’re in high schools and in childcare and in elementary schools
   We have suffered long from cutbacks but we will not suffer fools
   Education will be funded when we fight to change the rules
   And we make our unions strong!

3. 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.

4. They divide us by our color, they divide us by our tongue,
   They divide us men and women, they divide us old and young
   But they’ll tremble at our voices when they hear these verses sung
   For the union makes us strong

5. 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.
**THIS LITTLE LIGHT** *African American Trad)*

All around our children  
All around our teachers  
All around our public schools  
All around a fair contract  
All around our union  
Organizing every school  
Esta luz mía, voy a verla brillar/ A brillar (3x)  
All around the world

**WHEN WE RISE UP** *(When the Saints Go Marching, African American Trad)*

When we rise up and change the world (2X)  
Oh how I want to be in that number  
When we rise up and change the world  
When teachers earn what we are worth  
When we build schools instead of jails  
When taxes fund the common good  
When we protect all workers’ rights  
When we choose love instead of hate
WE SHALL NOT BE MOVED
Adapted from the African American Traditional

We shall not, we shall not be moved (2X)
Just like a tree that’s standing by the water
We shall not be moved

 Students, parents, teachers,
we shall not be moved . . .

Lower class sizes, we shall not. . .

Fair compensation, we shall not . . .

You can’t privatize us! we shall not . . .

No more rich consultants! we shall not

No, no, no nos moverán, (2x)
Como un árbol firme junto al rio,
no nos moverán...

Unidos en la lucha. . .

We need a fair contract, we shall not be moved . .
YOUTUBE LINKS TO VERSIONS OF THESE SONGS

Ain’t Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me Around  African American Traditional
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WPuBGcng6Tw&list=RD0ZQRRkf7jog&index=5

Come and Go With Me to that Land  African American Traditional
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=duQkrazZdoc

De Colores  Spanish Traditional  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9rn43pLNdLY

Dignity (What’s our dignity worth)  by Jon Fromer
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=edm7gzw_yi4

Dignity (We’re talkin’ about)  by Bonnie Lockhart
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mnMo2PZWi5Q

Solidarity Forever  music, trad; words Ralph Chaplin, 1916
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nbmqMpr-btU

This Little Light of Mine  African American Traditional
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xhiV6DB_h_8

We Shall Not Be Moved  Adapted from the African American Traditional
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HmkoQXyj_NY

No Nos Moveran  adapted from the African American Traditional
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kKopB66ujuQ

When the Saints Go Marching In (When We Rise Up)  African American Traditional
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wyLjbMBpGDA

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