“Zipper” Songs (Add your ideas to the lyrics!)

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 no corporations... Ain’t gonna let no tuition hikes... no racism... no sexism... no homophobia... no 1%...

Answer With a Song: When the cops start shouting, we will still be strong (3x) We will answer with a song...When they rig the justice system...when the paddy wagons show up... When they try to provoke us...When fear starts creeping in... When they try to divide us... [by Stuart Stotts]

Bella Ciao: Oh we are women, and we are marching, oh bella ciao, bella ciao, bella ciao ciao ciao, We are marching for liberation, We’re going to occupy right now! Oh we are artists, and we are weaving (we are weaving for liberation...) Children...dreaming; Poets... singing; Lovers...longing; Mothers...caring; Fathers...crying; Workers...building; Many...demanding; Farmers... planting (we are planting the revolution) People...loving ...

Come & Go With Me to that Land, come & go with me to that land, come & go with me to that land where I’m bound. (2x) Single payer in that land... Jobs and justice in that land... Free tuition in that land...

Down by the Riverside: Gonna lay down my sword & shield Down by the riverside. (3x) Gonna lay down my sword & shield down by the riverside, study war no more. (I) ain’t gonna study war no more. (6x) We’re the 99%...Gonna downsize the Pentagon... Gonna stop corporate welfare...

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I’m Gonna Sit at the Welcome Table, (2x) one of these days, Hal-lelujah! I’m gonna sit at the welcome table, (2x) one of these days...

We’re gonna: move to a credit union... tax the corporations. . . march the streets together...

Look to the People for Courage We’re gonna look to the people for courage in the hard times comin’ ahead. Gonna sing and shout, gonna work it on out in the hard times comin’ ahead. With people’s courage (3x) we can make it...for wisdom...humor... singing...[by Ruth Pelham]

Roll The Union On: We’re gonna roll (2x) We’re gonna roll the union on. (2x) And if the courts get in the way, we’re gonna roll right over them, (3x) If the courts get in the way, we’re gonna roll right over them, gonna roll the union on. And if ... the scabs... the police... the rich...

Singing for Our Lives [by Holly Near]: We are a gentle angry people and we are singing, singing for our lives. (2x) We are a justice seeking people... young and old together ... gay, straight, bi together...folks of many genders...

Soon and Very Soon we are going to change this world, (3x) Forever and ever we’re going to change this world! Time to tax the rich...

Equal rights for all... No more corporate welfare...

This Little Light of Mine, I’m gonna let it shine, (3x) let it shine. (3x) Homes & jobs for everyone... Join the credit unions... All around the whole wide world...... All around my neighborhood... All around the place I work... Esta luz mía, voy a ver-la brillar...
We Are Singing for a Peaceful World: Siyahamba kuka nyeni kwen khos’, Siyahamba kuka nyeni kwen khos’ (2x) Siyahamba, (hamba), siyahamba (oo-hoo) Siyahamba kuka nyeni kwen khos’ (2x)  
**We are singing for a peaceful world**, we are singing for a peaceful world. (2x) We are singing (singing) we are singing (singing), We are singing for a peaceful world (2x). **We are marching... We are dreaming... We are ready... For the children, for a peaceful world...** [from “Siyahamba,” South African Freedom Song]

We Shall Not Be Moved: We shall not, we shall not be moved, (2x) Just like a tree that’s standing by the water, we shall not be moved!  
**Organize together... Out with corporate welfare... Bring the soldiers home now... No, no, no nos moverán, (2x) Como un árbol firme junto al rio, no nos moverán... Unidos en la lucha... Basta con la migra... Basta con la guerra... (Your ideas here!)**

We Shall Overcome, we shall overcome, we shall overcome some day, Deep in my heart I do believe that we shall overcome some day.  
**We are not afraid... We shall live in peace... We’ll walk hand in hand... Justice will prevail...**
We’ll Be Challenging the Power

We’ll be **challenging the power** when we come, *(Wah hoo!)*
We’ll be closing down the big banks when we come,
*(Shut ‘em down!)*
We’ll be **closing down the big banks** when we come, *(Shut ‘em down!)*
We’ll be **ending the foreclosures**...(No more!)
We’ll be **standing with the unions**...(Solidarity!)
We’ll be **standing with the homeless**...(Gimme shelter!)
We’ll be **challenging the power**...(Speak truth!)
We’ll be **saying no to empire**...(No pasarán!)
We’ll be **banking at the co-op**...(We own it!)
We’ll be **voting out big money**...(No superPACs!)
We’ll be **getting single payer**...(Say ah!)
We’ll be **standing with the students**...(Save our schools!)
We’ll be **taxing millionaires**...(Vote yes!)

[“She’ll Be Comin’ Round the Mountain,” new words by Betsy Rose, exclamations by Nancy Schimmel and Claudia Morrow. Add your own verses.]

**When the Poor Have Won Their Rights**

*Oh when the poor have won their rights*, oh I want to be in that number, when the poor have won their rights. *Oh when the rich pay all their tax... When every worker has a job... Oh when the soldiers all come home...* [tune: “When the Saints Go Marching In”]