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(& Change the World)

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# **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

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

# 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 río,

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=9rn43pLNtly>

**Dignity (What's our dignity worth)** *by Jon Fromer*

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=edm7gzw\\_yi4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=edm7gzw_yi4)

**Dignity (We're talkin' about )** *by Bonnie Lockhart*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mnMo2PZW5Q>

**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](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](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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