

Songs In The Key Of Resistance

Song Sheet for the 2026 SCNC Annual Gathering



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Songs compiled by the Kairos Center's Songs in the Key of Resistance (SKOR) Project in collaboration with local organizations and song leaders of the Survival Revivals

Faith Calls Us to Love Out Loud

Original Song by the Peace Poets + Green Faith

Adapted by SKOR

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.

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

No Están Solos

By Francisco Herrera, Emma's Revolution and The Peace Poets

This song was written in collaboration with migrant justice and anti-militarism organizers from the School of the America's Watch in front of Eloy Detention Center in Arizona. Always powerful song to sing to those who are inside and to each other as we bravely speak out and act for justice.

No están solos, no están solas
Juntos hacemos la Liberación

We Get There Together

By Joshua Blaine

Josh wrote this song in 2022 as part of a We Cry Justice artists collective project of the Kairos Center and was inspired by Dan Jones' chapter from We Cry Justice, "A Mixed Multitude." He also drew from the poem by Aurora Levins Morales, "Red Sea," in which she challenges us to ask: what happens this time if we all cross together? This song has become an important song sung in protest spaces and gatherings calling for a ceasefire in Gaza. For a longer story behind the song, see the link above.

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 or never get there at all
We get there together or never get there at all
We get there together or never get there at all

Until All of Us Are Free

By: Arnaé Batson

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](#)

None of us, none of us, no of us are free
Until all of us, all of us, all of us are free

Liberation Today

Adapted by Ciara Taylor, Pauline Pisano, Steff Reed and Charon Hribar

This song was adapted from a traditional folk song, Bele Mama. Likely of Cameroonian origin, it's been passed down through oral tradition. "Bele Mama," translates to "Call Mother" in the Oroko language of Cameroon, referring to calling one's mother to join a celebration. The song has been adapted in movement spaces to be a calling for liberation.

Hey na na, hey na na, hey na na yeah...

You only get what you're organized to take

Hey na na, hey na na, hey na na yeah...

Liberation today

Hey na na, hey na na, hey na na yeah...

I need you to survive

Hey na na, hey na na, hey na na yeah...

We need to organize

Hey na na, hey na na, hey na na yeah...

You only get what you're organized to take

All of the Children Are Always Ours

By: Martin Urbach

“The children are always ours, every single one of them, all over the globe; and I am beginning to suspect that whoever is incapable of recognizing this may be incapable of morality.”—James Baldwin

All of the children are always ours
All of the children are always our
Together we will abolish ICE
Together unidas mi gente will rise

Justice, Let It Be So (Adapted for training)

By Arnaé Batson

Justice, justice, justice, justice
Ooooh ooooh oooooh
Let it be so
Justice

Justice to cleanse the soul
Justice to make us whole
Let it be so
Justice

Justice must overflow
Justice where it is owed
Let it be so
Justice

The flames of justice
Smoulder to a simmer
But the embers, yes the embers
The do remember

Justice, justice, justice, justice
Ooooh ooooh oooooh
Let it be so
Justice

That's How the Light Gets In

By Leonard Cohen, Adapted by Dream Defenders

This song reminds us not to let perfection be the enemy of the good. In a season of overlapping crises, our movements are called to experiment, to learn in real time, and to trust that even imperfect efforts can open pathways forward. The cracks in our society reveal both the depth of the harm—and the possibility that light, life, and new futures can still break through.

Forget your perfect offering
Just ring the bells that still can ring
There is a crack, a crack in everything
That's how the light gets in

This Is for Our Families

The Peace Poets with Mijente for direct actions against family separation in 2018. The second verse was added in 2026 when children inside the Dilley Detention Center in TX were heard crying out from inside - Libertad, Libertad.

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

The voices of our children will be our guide
They cry freedom, So now we rise

Songs in the Key of Resistance Theme Song

By Lu Aya

The SKOR theme song was written in 2020 as a song to ground gatherings of cultural organizers and movement song leaders in the power of song for building and inspiring our movements.

Sing your song
In the key of resistance
Sing it strong
If you're down for the vision of us
All belonging
If you hear hope calling
Sing your song

Mi Unica (teach as call + response)

By the Peace Poets

This song was written by the Peace Poets in collaboration with Migrant Justice and Mijente fighting against the criminalization of immigrant communities and deportations. The Spanish lyrics say - hey yo, my people we bring the strength. Liberation for all is our only flag. It goes on to lift up a native prophecy of the Condor and Eagle, representing a time when the Condor (the south) and the Eagle (the north), societies that had split into two different paths, would be united and create a new level of consciousness for humanity. The song is an affirmation of the connection we share across boundaries, across borders, across identities.

Oye mi gente traemos la fuerza
La libertad es mi única bandera
Rise up my people, my condors, my eagles
No human being will ever be illegal

We Are the Movement

By the Peace Poets

A freedom love song to us: the movement for liberation. This is a song to GROUND, INSPIRE, AND CONNECT us when we gather online or in the streets to struggle for liberation. It's purpose is to express how simple and beautiful it is to be part of taking action for every single human's liberation.

We are the movement
Liberation moving
For every single human
We have come to win

We Were Made for These Times

By Angela Gabriel

Text inspired by Clarisa Pinkola Estés in her powerful piece "Letter To A Young Activist During Troubled Times"

Don't give up hope, we were made for these times
Don't give up hope, we were made for these times
Don't give up hope, we were made for these times
Show your soul, it shines like gold
In these dark times

Don't lose heart
Don't give up hope
We're marching for freedom
We're fighting for justice

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