

Sing About It by Moira Smiley

It's so sad
It's so sad. We don't understand each other
yet
How can this be when we've been living
together so long?
So close to each other's beauty?
It's so sad. It makes me feel so bad
I can't stand by anymore

Gonna sing about it
Gonna sing it when I feel like cryin'
When I'm uncomfortable & don't know why
yet
When I am guilty of the laissez-faire
My ignorance of you is laid bare
I'll talk to you before I raise my hand
So you can call on me to make a stand
Make a stand
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Am I responsible? Are you responsible?
What are we responsible for?

I'm gonna look up from my own concerns
Reach across the chasm of what I never
learned
So wide, so full of burning, your eyes are
turning to me now
Sayin' It's time, it's way past time-to step
outside the echo The echo chamber
Stop pretending it's alright
Stop pretending this is not our fight
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why yet
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Stardust by B.E. Boykin Poem by Brittny Ray Crowell

If we are only stardust
Let your names reach to the sky above us

Like petals wafting on a breeze
We lift you up beyond our reach

"Kum Buba Yali, Kum Buba Tambe"
Amen, Amen
"Kum Buba Yali, Kum Buba Tambe"
We say your names

If we are only stardust
May your blood never be in vain

Like petals wafting on a breeze
We lift you up beyond our reach

"Kum Buba Yali, Kum Buba Tambe"
Amen, Amen
"Kum Buba Yali, Kum Buba Tambe"
We say your names

Each day we grieve another face
Maybe all this stardust
Will carry us home one day
To a home where we can run
A home where we can pray
A home where we can breathe,

To sleep and dream without fear—
Is justice this far away?

We cry your names
For the strength to keep on fighting
With the hope that you are flying

“Kum Buba Yali, Kum Buba Tambe”
Stardust

Hear Me Roar by Liv Grace

I can't do this anymore
See my brothers on the floor
Pushed and shoved against the wall
It's like we're not human at all
I told my mother
That I'm 'bout to go to war
I grab my sisters and brothers and others
Hand in hand we start the march

The enemy's pushing me down
(Pushing me down)
Down to the ground
(Uh-huh)
Yeah the enemy's guns on my crown
(Got the guns on my crown)
But bullet holes don't phase me
I've seen the enemy kneel on my neck
(Kneel on my neck)
Face to the floor eyesight hazy

Might not be able to breathe, but believe
Tonight you gonna hear me roar
I said hear me roar
Hear me roar
I said hear me roar

Oh, I can't do this anymore

See my brothers on the floor
Pushed and shoved against the wall, yeah
It's like we're not human at all

Oh, grab your mothers
And fathers
And sisters
And brothers
And others

Hand in hand
We will stand
Lift our voices
Fend for one another
We will not back down
No, they cannot stop us now
The battle's just begun
We not gon' stop until we've won

Who cares if the enemy's pushing me down
(Pushing me down)
Down to the ground
(Uh-huh)
Said the enemy's guns on my crown
(Guns on my crown)
But bullet holes don't phase me
I've seen the enemy kneel on my neck
(Kneel on my neck)
Teargas and my eyes get hazy

Might not be able to breathe, but believe
Tonight you gonna hear me roar
I said hear me roar
Hear me roar
I said hear me roar
Hear us roar

Hear me roar
Hear me roar
Hear me roar
Hear me roar

Say Their Names (2020):

1. ERIC GARNER
2. JOHN CRAWFORD III
3. MICHAEL BROWN
4. EZELL FORD
5. DANTE PARKER
6. MICHELLE CUSSEAU
7. LAQUAN MCDONALD
8. GEORGE MANN
9. TANISHA ANDERSON
10. AKAI GURLEY
11. TAMIR RICE
12. RUMAIN BRISBON
13. JERAME REID
14. MATTHEW AJIBADE
15. FRANK SMART
16. NATASHA MCKENNA
17. TONY ROBINSON
18. ANTHONY HILL
19. MYA HALL
20. PHILLIP WHITE
21. ERIC HARRIS
22. WALTER SCOTT
23. WILLIAM CHAPMAN
24. ALEXIA CHRISTIAN
25. BRENDON GLENN
26. VICTOR MANUEL LAROSA
27. JONATHAN SANDERS
28. FREDDIE BLUE
29. JOSEPH MANN
30. SALVADO ELLSWOOD
31. SANDRA BLAND
32. ALBERT JOSEPH DAVIS
33. DARRIUS STEWART
34. BILLY RAY DAVIS
35. SAMUEL DUBOSE
36. MICHAEL SABBIE
37. BRIAN KEITH DAY
38. CHRISTIAN TAYLOR
39. TROY ROBINSON
40. ASSHAMS PHAROAH MANLEY
41. FELIX KUMI
42. KEITH HARRISON MCLEOD
43. JUNIOR PROSPER
44. LAMONTEZ JONES
45. PATERSON BROWN
46. DOMINIC HUTCHINSON
47. ANTHONY ASHFORD
48. ALONZO SMITH
49. TYREE CRAWFORD
50. INDIA KAGER
51. LA'VANTE BIGGS
52. MICHAEL LEE MARSHALL
53. JAMAR CLARK
54. RICHARD PERKINS
55. NATHANIEL HARRIS PICKETT
56. BENNI LEE TIGNOR
57. MIGUEL ESPINAL
58. MICHAEL NOEL
59. KEVIN MATTHEWS
60. BETTIE JONES
61. QUINTONIO LEGRIER
62. KEITH CHILDRESS JR.
63. JANET WILSON
64. RANDY NELSON
65. ANTRONIE SCOTT
66. WENDELL CELESTINE
67. DAVID JOSEPH
68. CALIN ROQUEMORE
69. DYZHAWN PERKINS
70. CHRISTOPHER DAVIS
71. MARCO LOUD
72. PETER GAINES
73. TORREY ROBINSON
74. DARIUS ROBINSON
75. KEVIN HICKS
76. MARY TRUXILLO
77. DEMARCUS SEMER
78. WILLIE TILLMAN
79. TERRILL THOMAS
80. SYLVILLE SMITH
81. ALTON STERLING
82. PHILANDO CASTILE

83. TERENCE CRUTCHER
84. PAUL O'NEAL
85. ALTERIA WOODS
86. JORDAN EDWARDS
87. AARON BAILEY
88. RONELL FOSTER
89. STEPHON CLARK
90. ANTWON ROSE II
91. BOTHAM JEAN
92. PAMELA TURNER
93. DOMINIQUE CLAYTON
94. ATATIANA JEFFERSON
95. CHRISTOPHER WHITFIELD
96. CHRISTOPHER MCCORVEY
97. ERIC REASON
98. MICHAEL LORENZO DEAN
99. BREONNA TAYLOR
100. GEORGE FLOYD

Say their names
 Lord let their deaths not be in vain
 Bring us together
 Give us power
 Give us peace.

I Couldn't Hear Nobody Pray **Traditional, arr. By Victor C. Johnson**

Lord I couldn't hear nobody pray
 I couldn't hear nobody pray
 Oh, way down yonder by myself
 And I couldn't hear nobody pray

In the valley
 Couldn't hear nobody pray
 On my knees
 Couldn't hear nobody pray
 With my burden
 Couldn't hear nobody pray
 And my Saviour
 Couldn't hear nobody pray
 Oh, Lord!

Chilly waters
 Couldn't hear nobody pray
 In the Jordan
 Couldn't hear nobody pray
 Comin' over
 Couldn't hear nobody pray
 Into Canaan
 Couldn't hear nobody pray
 Oh, Lord!

I am list'nin', list'nin' for the sound of prayer
 I can't hear nobody prayin', Lord!
 Way down yonder by myself,
 And I couldn't hear nobody pray!

All My Trials **Arr. By Gwyneth Walker**

All my trials, Lord, soon be over.
 All my trials, Lord, soon be over.

If living were a thing that money could buy,
 you know the rich would live,
 and the poor would die.

All my trials, Lord, soon be over.
 All my trials, Lord, soon be over.

Hush, little baby, don't you cry,
 You know your mama was born to die.

All my trials, Lord,
 All my trials, Lord, .
 All my trials, Lord, soon be over.

Too late, my brothers,
 Too late, but never mind.
 I'm going home

I must leave you here behind.

I'm going home
O my brothers, I must leave you here
behind
All my trials, Lord,
All my trials, Lord,
All my trials, Lord, soon be over.

Breathe in Hope

By Dale Trumbore

Text by Maya Jackson

What would we do if we didn't have the
privilege of being distracted
I know life has to move on.
I know we must honor our personal lives.
I know we must not live in darkness.
I know we must celebrate the grace in our
humanity
to keep our lungs from collapsing,
We must breathe in hope.

And so have I taken in joy And beauty, And
selfishness, And frivolity, and laughter.
We are wonderful. Humans.
We find the light.

But I fear the moment passing.
Already distracted from the fire
though the smoke is still filling our lungs.

This is going to sound wrong.
But I hope this pain lasts.
I hope that it holds.
I don't want to heal
just yet.

We have become experts at recovery.
I hope we become expert at Revolution.

Hymn to Freedom

By Oscar Peterson

Lyrics by Harriette Hamilton

When every heart joins every heart
and together yearns for liberty,
That's when we'll be free!
When every hand joins every hand
and together molds our destiny,
That's when we'll be free.

Any hour, any day,
the time soon will come
when we will live in dignity,
That's when we'll be free.

When everyone joins in our song
and together singing harmony,
That's when we'll be free.

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and together yearns for liberty,
That's when we'll be free!
When every hand joins
every hand
and together moulds our destiny,
That's when we'll be free.

Any hour
any day,
the time soon will come when
men will live in dignity,
That's when we'll be free.
When every man joins
in our song
and together singing harmony,

That's when we'll be free.

Signs

By Ruth Huber

in a dark time when fear and confusion
reign,
and hatred casts a shadow on the stage,
a power play.
So easy to despair, but we don't have time
to waste!
We will not be silent
We'll fight like a girl
all over the world
We rise, together we rise!

We, the people, stand united against the
hate.
We, the people, say no no no no,
not in my name!
We flood the streets with cardboard signs,
as millions of lifted voices cry,
No hate, no fear, refugees are welcome
here,
no wall, no ban, yes, we still can!
My body, my choice, better listen to my
voice
and Black lives matter

Girls just wanna have fun-damental rights
Don't you think it's time to stop being so
polite?
I'm gonna be the change I want to see in
this land,
from Jacksonville to Ketchikan.

From seven continents and fifty divided
states
left or right, we all know something's
wrong,
come join our song.

With the whole world watching

our differences are our strengths,
No human is illegal,
Stay focused and strong, everybody belongs
We rise! Together we rise!

We, the people, Nasty women and our
friends,
We, the people, show up, dive in, persevere
to the end.
With kindness and generosity
Build bridges of hope and liberty
Listen to the wisdom of the first nations
climate change is real,
stand up for education
a woman's place is in this revolution
never surrender
respect my existence or expect resistance
and keep your mitts OFF my lady bits
our rights are not up for grabs
and neither are we
equality, equality for all
girls to the front, time to get in formation
We rise!
If you're not outraged,
you're not paying attention
We rise!
Love, not hate, makes America great
We rise!
We, the people, we will not be silent
Together we rise
No hate, no fear
Stand up, persevere
We rise!

¡No Nos Moveran!

Traditional;

words by Agustin Lira & Luis Valdez

We shall not, we shall not be moved!
We shall not, we shall not be moved!
Just like a tree that's planted by the water,
we shall not be moved!

Resilience

By Abbie Betinis

Resilience, we are strong;
Shoulder to shoulder keep movin' on;
Resilience, make a new plan;
Stand up again and say yes we can!

Love is Love is Love is Love

By Abbie Betinis

Love, love, love, All we need is
love, love love. All we need is

Love is love is love is love,
Love is love is love is love, Oh,

Love is love is love is love, Oh
love is love is love is love. Oh

Ubi caritas et amor,*
Where there's love, Love is love

*Latin: Where there's charity and love.

Lean on Me/We Shall Overcome

Traditional/Bill Withers;

arr. Mark Hayes

We shall overcome.
We shall overcome.
We shall overcome some day.
Oh, deep in my heart,
I do believe,
We shall overcome one day.

Sometimes in our lives we all have pain
We all have sorrow
But if we are wise
We know that there's always tomorrow

Lean on me, when you're not strong
And I'll be your friend
I'll help you carry on
For it won't be long
'Til I'm gonna need
Somebody to lean on

Please swallow your pride
If I have faith you need to borrow
For no one can fill those of your needs
That you won't let show

You just call on me sister, when you need a
hand
We all need somebody to lean on
I just might have a problem that you'll
understand
We all need somebody to lean on

If there is a load you have to bear
That you can't carry
I'm right up the road
I'll share your load
If you just call me

If you need a friend, if you need somebody

Just call me. Just lean on me.
We can work it out.
You got to lean on me.
Yes, we can.
Yes, we shall overcome some day.

To Sit and Dream
by Rosephanye Powell,
poetry by Langston Hughes

To sit and dream, to sit and read,
To sit and learn about the world.

Outside our world of here and now--

Our problem world

To dream of vast horizons of the soul
Of dreams made whole,
Unfettered, free— help me!
All you who are dreamers, too,
Help me make our world anew.
I reach out my hand to you.

The Storm is Passing Over
Arr. Barbara Baker

Have courage my soul,
And let us journey on.
Though the night is dark,
And I am far from home.
Thanks be to God,
the morning light appears.

The storm is passing over
The storm is passing over,
The storm is passing over,
Hallelu
Halleluia, halleluia, halleluia

Lift Ev'ry Voice & Sing
by Rosamond Johnson,
poetry by James Weldon Johnson
Arr. Zanaida Robles

Lift every voice and sing,
till earth and heaven ring,
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty
Let our rejoicing rise
high as the listening skies.
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song
full of the faith
that the dark past has taught us.
Sing a song full of the hope
that the present has brought us.
Facing the rising sun
of our new day begun,
Let us march on
till victory is won.

Stony the road we trod,
bitter the chastening rod,
Felt in the days when hope unborn had
died.
Yet with a steady beat,
have not our weary feet
Come to the place for which our parents
sighed?

We have come, over a way that with tears
has been watered
We have come, treading our path through
the blood of the slaughtered
Out of the gloomy past, till now we stand at
last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is
cast

God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears
Thou who has brought us thus far on the
way.
Thou who has by Thy might Led us into the
light
Keep us forever in the path, we pray

Lest our feet stray from the places, our God,
where we met Thee.
Lest our hearts drunk with the wine of the
world, we forget Thee.
Shadowed beneath Thy hand,
may we forever stand
True to our God,
true to our native land.