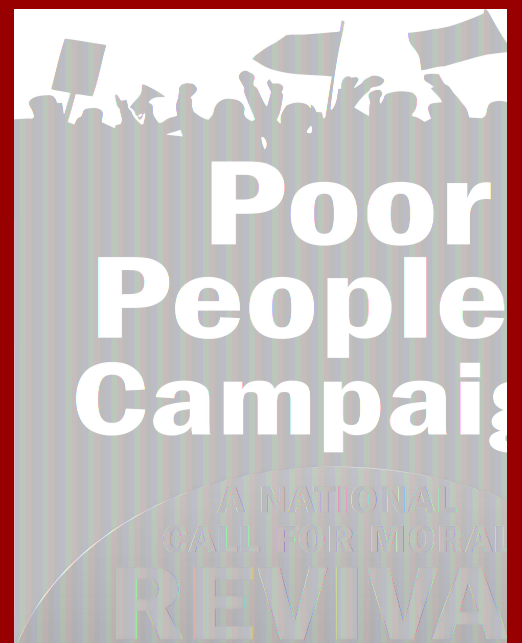


# Songs and Chant Sheet for the Nonviolent Medicaid Army - Medicaid Marches



## Ain't Gonna Let Nobody

Ain't gonna let nobody turn me 'round,  
Turn me round, turn me 'round.  
Ain't gonna let nobody, turn me 'round.  
I'm gonna keep on a walkin', keep on a talkin',  
Marching up to freedom land.

Ain't gonna let racism  
Ain't gonna let injustice  
Ain't gonna let white supremacy  
Ain't gonna let corporate greed  
Ain't gonna let healthcare profiteers

## Organize Organize Organize

Organize organize organize  
Organize organize organize  
Organize organize organize  
Organize organize organize

Cause we want justice for our people  
Living wages and equality (repeat)

(Chorus)

(So we gotta) Organize organize organize  
Organize organize organize  
Organize organize organize  
Organize organize organize

Cause we want peace for our children  
Free education and the right to dream (repeat)

Cause we want justice for our people  
We want clean water and air we can breathe (repeat)

Cause we want justice for our people  
The right to housing and our dignity (repeat)

Cause we want justice for our people  
And you only get what you're organized to take (repeat)

## Rich Man's House

By Minka Wiltz and the Economic Human Rights  
Choir of the New Freedom Bus

Went down to the rich man's house  
And I took back what he stole from me  
Took back my dignity  
Took back my humanity (repeat)

And now it's under my feet  
Under my feet  
Under my feet  
Under my feet  
Ain't gonna let no system walk all over me

Went down to jailhouse  
Went down to the courthouse  
Went down to the DOD  
Went down to the mayor's house  
Went down to the governor's house...  
Went down to the White House...

## Somebody's Hurting My Brother

By Yara Allen

Somebody's hurting my brother  
and it's gone on far too long  
Yes, it's gone on far too long  
It's gone on far too long  
I said, somebody's hurting my brother  
and it's gone on far too long  
And we won't be silent anymore

Somebody's killing our people  
Somebody's denying us healthcare  
Somebody's exploiting our labor  
Somebody's hurting our children, our families, my  
sister, my siblings...

## Which Side Are You On

Adapted by the NYS PPC

Which side are you on oh  
Which side are you on

They're reaping the profits  
They fill our heads with lies  
The healthcare profiteers don't care  
If we live or die

Affordable housing  
Is a human right  
Housing now is what we need  
We won't go without a fight

Patients not profits  
We're fighting for our lives  
Healthcare for all is what we need  
And we're here to organize

Don't stand for their evictions  
The rent is too damn high  
Us poor folks haven't got a chance  
Unless we organize

## Fight Poverty, Not the Poor

If you're ready for equality let me hear you roar  
Fight poverty, not the poor  
Fight poverty, not the poor

We see greed and corruption behind their golden doors  
Fight poverty, not the poor  
Fight poverty, not the poor

## Getting Into Step

Adapted by Avery Book + Charon Hribar

We're getting into step  
We're getting into step  
We're getting into step to win our freedom  
Too many years we've been divided  
Now's the time to unify  
We're getting into step to win our freedom

We're getting into step  
We're getting into step  
We're getting into step to win our freedom  
Healthcare costs are on the rise.  
Communities we organize  
We're getting into step to win our freedom

People throw out of their homes  
The homeless union daily grows

They tear our children from our arms  
A thousand voices raise alarm

Let those who labor hold the reigns  
The time is now to break our chains

## Unsettling Force

We are a new unsettling force  
And we are powerful a new unsettling force  
And we're here, we're a new unsettling force  
For liberation and we've got nothing to lose but  
our chains  
And we've got nothing to lose but our chains  
And we've got nothing to lose but our chains

## Neighbor Neighbor Can't You See

Neighbor neighbor can't you see

Why housing rights are what we need (2x)

Oh oh oh oh oh, Slumlords you got to go (2x)

Neighbor neighbor can't you see

Healthcare for all is what we need (2x)

Oh oh oh oh oh, Private insurance got to go (2x)

Neighbor neighbor can't you see

Why rent control is what we need (2x)

(Affordable housing / Low income coops/ community housing - is what we need)

Oh oh oh oh oh, Rent hikes have got to go (2x)

Healthcare is a human right

That's why today we stand and fight (2x)

Oh oh oh oh oh, Big pharma's got to go (2x)

Health insurance is a lie

They don't care if people die (2x)

Oh oh oh oh oh, profiteers have got to go (2x)

Ain't no way we're backing down

We're rising up the time is now (2x)

## Everybody's Got a Right to Live

Everybody's got a right to live

Everybody's got a right to live

And before this campaign fails

We'll all go down to jail

Everybody's got a right to live

(Break)

*Everybody's got a right to live (to live)*

*Everybody's got a right to dream (to dream)*

*Everybody's got a right to love (to love)*

*Everybody's got a right to learn (to learn)*

*Everybody's got a right to live (to live)*

*Everybody's got a right to dream (to dream)*

*Everybody's got a right to love (to love)*

*Everybody's got a right to...*

## Strange Things

Our health our live our bodies not for sale

We struggle to change a system that has failed

Strange things have happened here no stranger would it be

Healthcare is a human right

A right for you and me

Our health our lives our bodies not for sale

Senator \_\_\_\_\_'s promises have failed

Strange things have happened here no stranger would it be

Housing is a human right

A right for you and me

## Mean Things

By John L. Handcox, Adapted by Avery Book

Chorus:

There are mean things happening in this land (2x)

But the movement's going on, and the movement's growing strong

There are mean things happening in this land

Verses:

There are mean things happening in this land (2x)

Call and response: Oh those healthcare profits soar, as we pay more and more

There are mean things happening in this land

...there go the healthcare billionaires, debt and suffering everywhere...

...healthcare rates are on the rise, the sick and poor are left to die...

... to serve the Wall Street bottom line, our health and bodies on the line...

... healthcare is a human right and we won't give up the fight...

They'll be good things happening in this land (2x)

When the dispossessed unite the end of poverty is in sight

They'll be good things happening in this land

## Let's Go Down Together

(To the tune of Lonesome Valley)

By Jacob Butterly

G - - - / D - G - / C - G - / GEm - AD G -

Let's go down & march together  
Let's go down to do More and More  
Nobody there can ever stop us  
Let's go down & march out as the Poor

Our brothers got to get together,  
Our brothers got to do More and More  
Nobody there can ever stop us  
Let's go down & march out as the Poor

(sisters, siblings, mothers, families)

As we walk down Jericho Highway,  
As we walk down side by side,  
We'll won't surrender one another  
To the bandits and the robbers along the ride

We're gonna march thru the valleys  
Gonna march along highways too  
And as we march along together  
We'll win back when they stole from me and you

When the road gets rough and rocky  
And the hills get steep and high,  
We're gonna sing as we go marching  
And we'll win our revolution by and by

## Chant

Our health (Our health)  
Is Essential (Is essential)

Healthcare (Healthcare)  
Is Essential (Is essential)

We are (We are)  
Essential (Essential)

## Rise Up (Call and Response)

By Charon Hribar and Jose Vasquez

Rise up we're gonna rise up  
Rise up we're gonna rise up  
We ain't gonna let nobody turn us around  
Because the people united will stand our ground

Rise up we're gonna rise up  
Rise up we're gonna rise up  
The powers that be can't keep us down  
We're gonna rise up and turn the world around

Rise up come on and rise up  
Rise up come on and rise up  
The people are ready so follow our lead  
We'll put an end to the violence, the hatred and  
greed

Rise up we're gonna rise up  
Rise up we're gonna rise up  
Rise up (4x)

## Up Over My Head

Betty Mae Fikes

Up over my head  
I see justice in the air  
Up over my head  
I see justice in the air  
Up over my head  
I see justice in the air  
And I really do believe, I really do believe  
A change is coming out there

I see hope in the air  
I see freedom in the air  
I see love in the air  
I see change in the air

## **What Do We Want**

By Charon Hribar

What do we want right here today  
Healthcare for all people  
We'll march until we get our way  
Healthcare for all people

What do we want (Healthcare)  
When do we want it (Now)  
What do we want (Healthcare)  
When do we want it (Now)

What do we want right here today  
Housing for all people

What do we want right here today  
\$15 and a union

## **Stop the War on the Poor**

By Charon Hribar

Stop the war on the poor  
We won't take it anymore  
We are building liberation  
You can feel our spirit soar

Stop the war on the poor  
We won't take it anymore  
We're uniting every nation  
Can you feel our spirit soar

Stop the war on the poor  
We won't take it anymore  
We unite for liberation  
You can feel our spirit soar

Stop the war on the poor  
You can hear our people roar  
We're uniting every nation  
You can feel our spirit soar

## **We the People are For the People**

By Lu Aya + Nate Dewart

We the people are for the people, and for all  
people's right to health

We the people are for the people, and for all  
people's right to health

We have fought and we have cried

We won't compromise our people's lives

We have fought and we have cried

We won't compromise our people's lives