

HOLIDAY SONGS

For Collective Action

with Songs In The Key Of Resistance



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Oh Holy Night

Remixed by Charon Hribar, Moses Hernandez McGavin, and Ciara Taylor

O Holy night!

The stars are brightly shining

It is the night, a revolutionary birth

Long lay the world isolated and divided

'Til movement nears and the soul feels its worth

A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices

For yonder breaks; a new unsettling force

Rise from your knees; O hear the people's voices

O night divine, O night lib'ration won

O night, divine, O night divine!

Led by the light of love serenely beaming

With glowing hearts so united we are

Led by light a North Star sweetly gleaming

We move by faith toward a just and promised land

A force for peace, to end all exploitation

Through all our trials united hand in hand

We know your needs, your weakness is no stranger

O night divine, O night lib'ration won

O night, divine, O night divine!

Oh holy fight

The stars are brightly shining

It is our ancestors guiding our way

When we read the signs

Written in the heavens

The constellations call us to unite

Unite despite

Our struggles and divisions,

To organize and protect our rights

All of our needs

We bring them to one table;

Our lives divine

Oh earth we mourn

Oh justice we cry

For our lives, our lives divine

Eternal One taught us to love the stranger

Their way is love and the Gospel is Peace

Chains shall we break, for our collective struggle

And in our name, all oppression shall cease

Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we

Let all within us sing our movement's power

We are the ones we've been waiting for

O night divine, O night lib'ration won

O night, divine, O night divine!

Joy to the World

Remixed by ana lara lopez, Adam Thiesen, and Charon Hribar

Joy to the world is our demand

The beauty of Earth restored

Let each of us, prepare our hearts

To free all families now,

To free all families now,

To free, to free, all families now

Joy to the world, true peace will come

When we unite in mass

The poor and dispossessed

Know what is needed best

No war economy

No war economy

No war, no war economy

We claim a world of unity,

Let leaders hear our cry

A cry for justice, and liberation

To free all families now

To free all families now

We cry, we cry free families now

Go Tell It On the Mountain (Anti ICE Version)

Remixed by Lu Aya, Margaret Ernst, Paula Sohl and Nick Domberg

(Chorus)

Go tell all of your neighbors,
All of your people, everywhere
Go tell all of your neighbors
Our families must be free! (or) ICE is not welcome here!

(Verses)

When we see ICE around here
We pick up the phone
We call our rapid response teams
To keep us all safe at home

When we see ICE coming down the street
We call the hotline first
Then say no firmes nada
Don't say a single word

Our people work so hard each day
Just to stay alive
Caring for each other
Is the only way

Angels We Have Heard on High

Remixed by Charon Hribar, Pat Ruch, and Steff Reed

Children, we have heard your cries
Cries for justice burning bright
Neighbors lift their voices high
Joining hands to stand and fight

(Chorus)

God bring peace, bring hope, bring justice
For all your people

Community now gathers near
Calling for a jubilee
Freedom from the debts that bind
Rising strong in unity

No more pain and suffering
Lift the whole community
Health and healing for us all
Shared in love and dignity

Housing is a human right
No more dying in the streets,
Let us build with dignity
We are one community

We won't back down till we are free
No peace till all are truly free
We stand in solidarity
And build a just community

Join the movement, you will see
Glory for humanity
Come and fight for liberty
Every life has dignity

Oh Come Emmanuel

Remixed by Malik Ready, Jenny Bonham-Carter, Chris Wylie, and Adam Barnes

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and bring us justice here and now
We join with those exiled here
til unity and Love appear
(Refrain)

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
release your children from each cell
From borders sealed and cages made,
till all are home and unafraid

O come, O come Wisdom from on high
We need to unify and spread no lie
To us the path of knowledge show
And teach us in its ways to go
(Refrain)

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice!
We believe in peace
A world where all conflicts will cease

Do You Hear What I Hear? *

Remixed by Ana Hernandez, Charon Hribar, Ciara Taylor, Jose Vasquez, Molly Dowell, Pauline Pisano, and Vahisha Hasan

“In order to write poetry that isn't political, I must listen to the birds, and in order to listen to the birds; the warplanes must be silent” — Marwan Makhbou

Said the night wind to the little child

Do you see what I see?

(Do you see what I see?)

Sleeping on the streets, little child

Do you see what I see?

(Do you see what I see?)

The birds, the birds dancing in the night

Casting shadows in firelight

Casting shadows in firelight

To a homeless girl said a little boy

Do you hear what I hear?

(Do you hear what I hear?)

Ring through the sky, little one

Do you hear what I hear?

(Do you hear what I hear?)

The bombs, the bombs high above the trees

raining down on land and on sea

Raining down on land and on sea

Said the children to the people everywhere

Listen to what we say! (Listen to what we say!)

Pray for peace, people, everywhere

Listen to what we say! (Listen to what we say!)

To the homeless children sleeping in the night

We will bring them shelter and light

We will bring them shelter and light

Said the children to the people everywhere

Do you know what we know? (Do you know what we know?)

March for peace, people, everywhere

Do you know what we know? (Do you know what we know?)

When hearts unite there'll be peace everywhere

We can end this world of despair

We can end this world of despair

**This song is written with the image of a dialogue between displaced children in Gaza, homeless children in the U.S., and immigrant children seeking refugee around the world.*



Artwork by: [Claire Rabkin](#)

Go Tell It On the Mountain (Version 2)

Remixed by Jonathan Lykes, Charon Hribar, and Ciara Taylor

From the mountain high

To the valley low

Gotta organize, gotta organize yeah

Go tell it on the mountain

Over the hills and everywhere

Go tell it on the mountain

Gotta let our people know

What Child is This

Remixed by Adam Thiesen and Charon Hribar

We see our loved ones locked away by borders built on lies
Torn from their homes, from children's arms, beneath these
cold, cruel skies
From cages, courts, and prison vans our people still are
singing
Unite! Unite! We must unite! Till no more hearts are grieving

From desert roads to prison walls, our hope is still surviving
No cage can steal the songs we sing, our hearts are still
arriving
From border towns to city streets, our love is still resisting
So Fight! Fight! We'll win the fight! With every soul
persisting

We pray for love to reach us all - We fight like hell for the
living
We cry for comrades lost to life - but not lost to us who are
mourning
Fight! Fight! We'll win the fight! Our dead won't have died
for nothing
Unite! Unite! We'll win the fight! We'll win a world that is
loving

We live our lives down and out - in every way we are ailing
Things must change for we can't go on - when in every way
we are failing
So Fight! Fight! We'll win the fight! Our dead won't have
died for nothing
Unite! Unite! We'll win the fight! We'll win a world that is
loving

We won't give up and we'll double down - with demands we
won't ask politely
We'll lift us up all who are down - and tear down the High
and Mighty
Fight! Fight! We'll win the fight! Our dead won't have died
for nothing
Unite! Unite! We'll win the fight! We'll win a world that is
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Artwork by Katrina Zezza

Cry for Peace (to the tune - Little Drummer Boy)

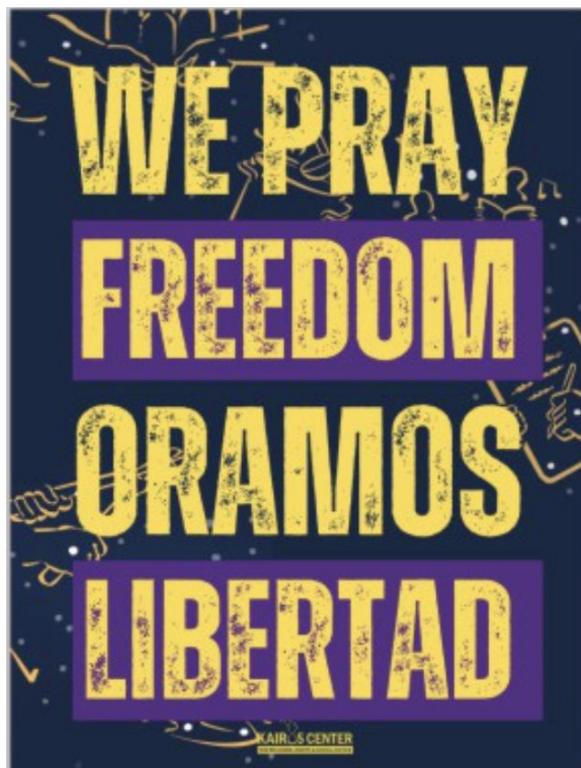
Remixed by Steff Reed, Pauline Pisano, Gretchen Craig, and Kelly Smith

My voice feels small and weak Pa rum pum pum pum
But now my heart must speak Pa rum pum pum pum
We are a global choir Pa rum pum pum pum
We call for ceasefire Pa rum pum pum pum
rum pum pum pum,
rum pum pum pum

We will not stand for this Pa rum pum pum pum ...
This is our cry for peace ...
And we will flood the streets ...
This is our cry for peace ...

From streets in Ferguson Pa rum pum pum pum...
To roads in the West Bank...
We will not let them win ...
We will not let them win ...

We must free Gaza now Pa rum pum pum pum...
We must free Gaza now ...
We must free Gaza now ...
We must free Gaza now ...



Silent Night

Remixed by Charon Hribar

Silent night holy night
All is calm all is bright
Peace to children near and far
No more bombs and unending war
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night, holy night
No more death, we hear your cries
From the river to the sea
Palestine you will be free
Peace upon this land
Peace upon the land

Silent night, holy night
Our spirits rejoice, at the sight
The lowly are lifted, empires will fall
Up and out of poverty now
Hope restored today
Hope restored today

Silent Night, holy night
No more hate, we hear your crises
All children have the right to thrive
Love surrounds us God's by our side
Love endures today
Love endures today

Silent night, holy night
All is calm, all is bright
Lib'ration streams from heaven afar
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia
Freedom and justice reign, freedom and justice reign

White Christmas (Anti ICE version)

**Remixed by Dominique Medina, Tracy Robertson, Bloom,
and Charon Hribar**

I'm dreaming of a just Christmas
where every child sleeps in peace
where there's food and laughter
without violence after
and the fear of deportation's ceased

I'm dreaming of a just Christmas
where all our families are free
May our days be merry and bright
As our love for community ignites

I'm dreaming of the ICE melting
For every parent who's detained
May the doors all fly open, and families unbroken
May they be home with their children tonight

I'm dreaming of a just Christmas
where all our families are free
May our days be merry and bright
As our love for community ignites

I'm dreaming of the ICE melting
And for an end to detention
No more people dying
No more children crying
We demand the violence should cease

I'm dreaming of a just Christmas
where all our families are free
May our days be merry and bright
As our love for community ignites

Away in a Manger

Remixed by Pat Dupont

Recording of original song: [Away in a Manger](#)

Away in a manger no crib for a bed
The little lord Jesus lay down His sweet head
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay
Until Grants Pass P.D. took Jesus away

They read Him His rights, took a mug of his face
Told Him He deserved it for taking up space

His mother protested, His father explained:
They tried to find shelter but no room remained

All you who are homeless and criminalized:
Lord Jesus is with you and God's on your side
As long as our cities confine you in cells
The faithful won't rest 'til you're freed from that Hell

Carol of the Bells

**Remixed by Airika Cross, Brittany King, and St. James
Valsin**

Recording of original song: [Carol of the Bells](#)

Hark! Palestine
Sweet Palestine
We're saying loud
"Ceasefire now!"
Freedom is near
martyrs endeared
To young and old
willing and bold

Ding, dong, ding, dong
Peace is our song
With soulful ring
All caroling
World needs to hear
Our voice is clear
From ev'rywhere
Filling the air

Free Palestine
Ceasefire now
We spread the seed
River to sea
Daily we stand
Against oppressive hands
And we cheer
Palestine is here

Viva Viva Viva PALESTINA
Viva Viva Viva PALESTINA

On, on we fight
With all our might
To return home
Keys to our throne

Mira Cómo Viene el Pueblo a Protestar (Los Peces en el Río)

Remixed by ana g. lara lópez & Nora Floridalma López
Avila de Lara

Recording of original song: [Los Peces en el Río](#)

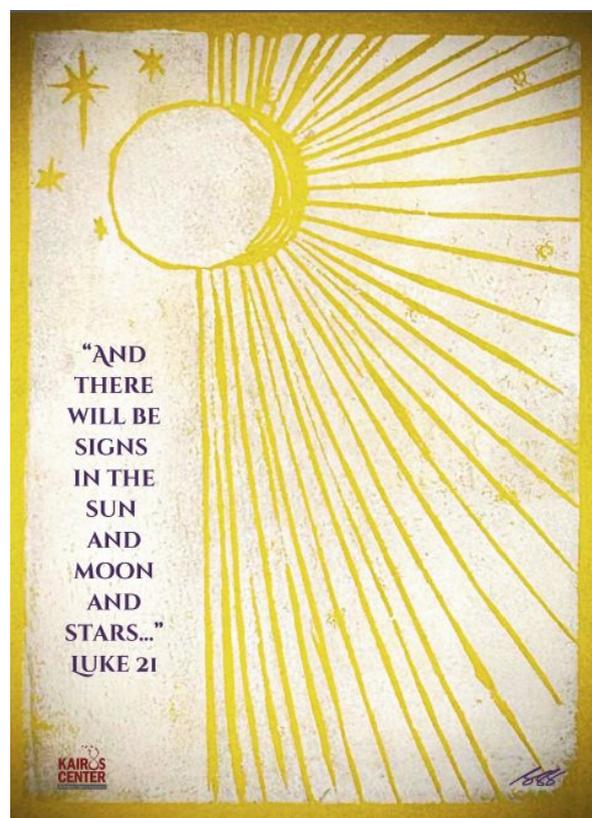
Pero mira cómo viene el pueblo a protestar
El pueblo protesta porque tiene dignidad
Lucha tras lucha por un mundo mejor
Por un mundo mejor para todos por igual

Sabemos de jubileo
De la abundancia de Dios
Su preferencia por los pobres
Y la lucha contra el imperio

Pero mira cómo viene el pueblo a protestar
El pueblo protesta porque tiene dignidad
Lucha tras lucha por un mundo mejor
Por un mundo mejor para todos por igual

Tenemos que unirnos
Y organizar un movimiento
Que se levante desde abajo
Para que todos triunfemos

Pero mira cómo viene el pueblo a protestar
El pueblo protesta porque tiene dignidad
Lucha tras lucha por un mundo mejor
Por un mundo mejor para todos por igual



Artwork by: *Shailly Gupta Barnes*

Mira Cómo Viene el Pueblo a Protestar (English Translation)

But look at how the people come to protest
The people protest because they have dignity
Struggle after struggle for a better world
For a better world for all, equally.

We know of jubilee
Of God's abundance
His preference for the poor
And the fight against empire.

But look at how the people come to protest
The people protest because they have dignity
Struggle after struggle for a better world
For a better world for all, equally.

We must unite
And organize a movement
That rises from below
So that everybody rises.

But look at how the people come to protest
The people protest because they have dignity
Struggle after struggle for a better world
For a better world for all, equally.

Os Pido Posada

By Grupo Caleb Venezuela

D Em – A7

Venimos desde lejos con toda nuestra esperanza

Em A7 D

Atrás dejamos nuestra tierra, familia y casa.

B7 Em

Tras mucha lucha hoy tenemos un nuevo hogar

A7 D

Es nuestra casa abierta, para la hermandad.

Estrofa 2 (Igual que estrofa 1)

Allá en Belén recordamos, María y José

Que como nosotros muchas puertas tocar

Unos que vivían muy bien no quisieron ayudar,
tenía que nacer, algo se pudo hacer...

D F#7

Os pido posada

G / Gm

En nombre del Cielo

D - E7

Porque viene al mundo

A7

Nuestro redentor.

D F#7

Nuestro cuerpo espera

G / Gm - D

Un sitio de descanso

D - A7

Solo hemos venido

D

Por un lugar mejor.

Estrofa 3 y 4 (Música de Estrofa 1)

En cada navidad, celebramos Las Posadas

Nos organizamos para anunciar la vida.

Estamos buscando que renazca nuestro Dios

En medio de su Pueblo, que hoy clama justicia.

Compartiremos canciones, poemas e historias

Testimonios de todo un año de luchas.

Recorriendo cada casa con nueva esperanza.

Nuestra fe renace, Hoy Dios nos escucha.

Estrillo 2 (Música Estrillo 1)

Os pido posada

En nombre del Cielo

Porque viene al mundo

Nuestro redentor.

Nuestro cuerpo espera

Un sitio de descanso

Estamos construyendo

El Reino de Dios.



*Iglesia del Pueblo + Freedom Church of the Poor
Las Posadas 2023 NYC*

Abrid vuestras Puertas

By Grupo Caleb Venezuela

Estrofa 1

G Em

En el nombre del Cielo

G Em

Os pido posada

G G7 C

Para esta familia que viene a cambiar la historia

Am D7

Abrid vuestras puertas, vuestros corazones

G

Para que nazca Jesús entre los pobres.

Interludio

G - Am - Bm - C/D7

G - Am - Bm - C/D7

Estrofa 2

G Em

En nombre de la Paz

G Em

Os pido posada

G G7 C

Para estos migrantes que vienen desde muy lejos

Am

Los dejaron sin tierra

D7

Abrid vuestras casas

G

Que son gente del pueblo.

Interludio

Estrofa 3

G Em

En nombre del Amor

G Em

Os pido posada

G G7 C

Para esta pareja que los vienen persiguiendo

Am

Traed sus tambores

D7

se unen a la lucha

G

seguiremos venciendo.

G - Em G-Em

Os pido posada para esta familia

G - Em G-Em

Os pido posada para estos migrantes

G - Em G-Em

Os pido posada para esta pareja



Union de Vecinos - Las Posadas en CA

Angels From the Realms of Glory

Remixed by Pat Dupont

Angels from the realms of glory,
wing your flight o'er all the earth;
ye who sang creation's story
now proclaim Messiah's birth:
Come and worship, come and worship,
worship Christ, the newborn king.

Shepherds, in the field abiding,
watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with us is organizing;
the poor find hope the infant's light
overworked and underpaid
come gather round our homeless king

Sages, leave your contemplations,
cease to theorize from afar
join the poor of every nation
freedom-bound following his star
test your thesis in the trenches
gather round our homeless king

We Were Made for These Times

by Angela Gabriel

Don't give up hope
We were made for these times (3x)

Show your soul
It shines like gold
In these dark times

Alternatives:

Don't give up hope...

Don't lose heart...

We'll struggle for freedom...

We'll fight for justice...

The Peoples Drum

Remixed by Khalil Lewis

Come they told me
Pa rum pum pum pum
We all deserve to be free
Pa rum pum pum pum

Our shared vision we bring
Pa rum pum pum pum
Our collective voice will ring
Pa rum pum pum pum,
rum pum pum pum,
rum pum pum pum

So to honor them
Pa rum pum pum pum
We will come

White Christmas (Ceasefire Version)

Remixed by Savina Martin, Olivia Buckley and Alexis Stern

I'm dreaming of a ceasefire
where every child sleeps in peace
where there's food and laughter
without violence after
and the genocide is ceased

I'm dreaming of a free Palestine
with no more rockets in the sky
as we all keep calling for peace
we demand the violence should cease

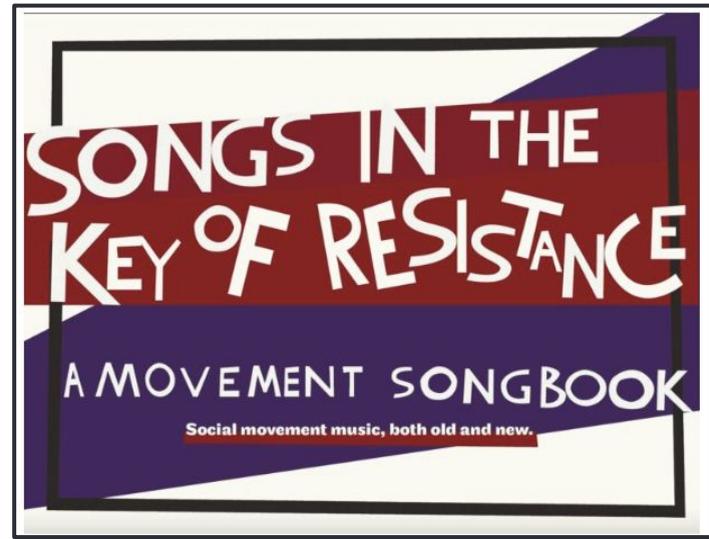
I'm dreaming of a ceasefire
And an end to genocide
No more people dying
No more kids crying
How can you not be on our side

Stop sending Israel weapons
No more tax funding for their crime
Fight for peace, folks, now is the time
We must all stand up for Palestine

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

For additional movement songs resources check out [Songs in the Key of Resistance](#) at the Kairos Center!

Remain Awake, Stay Ready: Advent of a Revolution Worship & Study Resources for Advent 2023



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For additional movement ritual resources check out [We Pray Freedom: Liturgies and Rituals from the Freedom Church of the Poor](#)

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