

There is an old story about a people who had lost their song. The people knew something was missing but didn't know quite what it was. It was just an uncertain feeling. Their lives were okay but their hearts were sad.

Off they went looking for a song. Along the way they met lots of people and tried on many different songs. They asked everywhere if anybody knew a good song for them, but no one could tell them anything but the songs from somewhere else. Some other people even tried to give away a bad song that had been stuck on them, so they could be rid of it. Luckily they didn't pick it up long enough for it to get stuck on them.

The searching took a painfully long time and people wondered if they would ever find a song that worked. It took so long and it hurt so much, that once in a while they even got angry with each other. In the end, they decided this was baloney. So people agreed to sit very still and silent and tried to think what would make a good song. Well, it would have to be easy to learn and easy to remember, it would have to be fun. It would have to give good medicine for the children and it would have to honor the ancestors. They began to talk it over.

In the end, each person brought a note or maybe a chord or a beat that they could remember from all their journeys and all their mums and aunties and grandmothers who had rocked and planted and weaved, and all the uncles and grandfathers who had mined, and forged and tilled....and all who had sacrificed and died for rights and liberty and a thing called freedom. They put it all together, and they made their own song.

# **DISTRICT 205 IS ON FIRE**

**From a comment by a retired career  
firefighter in Madison Wisconsin, Feb 21, 2011:**

**"The house of labor is on fire!"**

## **SONGBOOK**

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**Whose schools?**

**Our schools.**

**Whose kids?**

**Our kids.**

**Whose buildings?**

**Our buildings.**

**Whose money?**

**Our money.**

**Whose teachers?**

**Our teachers.**

**PeNa** 1. shame, pity (lástima). da pena no poder hacer nada -> it's a shame o pity we can't do anything;

Aqui estamos hoy  
En Rockford, Illinois.  
Nuestros niños  
Nuestras familias, en...

Escuelita, escuela mia  
Esperanzas de mi familia  
Nuestros niños, carininos  
El Tesoro del futuro

Maestras, maestra mia  
Esperanza de mi familia  
Honrada del alma  
Honrada del Comunitaria.

Los que tiennen  
Y los que no tiennen.

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NO SE PERMITE QUITAR  
THIS MUST NOT BE TAKEN AWAY.

# **Oh no don't cut that!**

**Montessori Public School**

**Language Immersion Barbour School**

**Creative and Performing Arts**

**All sports in public schools**

**Gifted Programs 1-12**

**All Day Preschool for the kids**

**Librarians across the district**

**Page Park for Kids in crisis**

**West View Elementary School**

**New Milford Elementary School**

**Jackson Elementary School**

**Stiles Elementary School**

**Siyahamba ekukanyen  
kwenkos**

**We are marching in the  
light of love**

**We are singing in the  
light of love**

**Caminamos el la luz de  
amor.**

# FREEDOM SONG

WE BELIEVE IN PEACE AND SOLIDARITY  
COME TOGETHER AS WE MARCH ALONG  
HAND IN HAND  
TO SING THIS FREEDOM SONG (2X)

AMANDLA AWETU (unity is strength)  
HEDJOLE ABA (let peace prevail) (2X)  
COME TOGETHER AS WE MARCH ALONG  
HAND IN HAND  
TO SING THIS FREEDOM SONG

WE BELIEVE IN PEACE AND SOLIDARITY  
COME TOGETHER AS WE MARCH ALONG  
HAND IN HAND  
TO SING THIS FREEDOM SONG (2X)

UNITED WE STAND DIVIDED WE FALL  
BUILD THE BRIDGES OF FRIENDSHIP  
TEAR DOWN THE WALL  
COME TOGETHER AS WE MARCH ALONG

HAND IN HAND  
TO SING THIS FREEDOM SONG (3X)

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Chant from the streets of Madison  
Wisconsin Feb 19, 2011

## What's disgusting?

## Union Busting.

## Chant from Protest

at School of the Americas, Columbus  
Georgia Song for When the cops show up.

**Show me what democracy looks like.**  
**This is what democracy looks like.**

**Show me what hypocrisy looks like.**  
**That is what hypocrisy looks like.**

# HONK IF YOU LOVE KIDS:

EVERY TIME YOU PASS A SCHOOL           HONK  
Teachers will know you care.

EVERY TIME YOU PASS THE BOARD OF ED.   HONK  
Let them know you are part of a movement..

CROSSING A MAJOR INTERSECTION IN TOWN...HONK

USE THE PATTERN FROM THE SONG B I N-G-O  
AND SAY TO YOURSELF...

**WAIT DONT           SHUT THAT SCHOOL!**  
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Sung to the tune of BINGO  
C/F/C/C/G/C/, C/FFF/G/CCC/Am/FFF/G/C

We oppose the drastic cuts  
to **children's education.**  
Wait dont shut that school.  
Wait dont shut that school.  
Wait dont shut that school.  
Let's find a real solution!

Tous a la  
manif !

(French for -See you at the demonstration!)  
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La Lucha  
continua!!!

(Spanish for -The struggle continues)  
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Glory Glory Halleluia.  
Lets save our Rockford schools.  
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**15, 50, 205**  
Don't give me no budget jive!

**Baby don't worry 'bout a thing**  
Coz Every little thing gonna be  
alright. Woke up this Morning,  
smiled at the rizin SUN, 2 little  
birds sat on my doorstep, singing  
sweet songs, melody pure and true,  
singing this is my message to you  
oo oo

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Last night I had the **strangest**  
**dream.** I never had before. I  
dreamed the world had all agreed  
to put an end to war. I dreamed I  
saw a mighty room filled with  
women and men. And the paper  
they were signing said, they'd  
never fight again.

## IMAGINE

JOHN LENNON

Imagine there's no heaven,  
It's easy if you try,  
No hell below us,  
Above us only sky,  
Imagine all the people living for today...

Imagine there's no countries,  
It isn't hard to do,  
Nothing to kill or die for,  
No religion too,  
Imagine all the people living life in peace...

You may say I'm a dreamer,  
But I'm not the only one,  
I hope some day you'll join us,  
And the world will live as one.

Imagine no possessions,  
I wonder if you can,  
No need for greed or hunger,  
A brotherhood of man,  
Imagine all the people sharing all the world...

You may say I'm a dreamer,  
But I'm not the only one,  
I hope some day you'll join us,  
And the world will live as one.

## WE CAN'T SAY YES, COZ...

Bring the Broad Agenda to the Rockford Schools? But ...

**We can't say yes  
because it doesn't make sense!**

Balance the budget on the backs of the teachers? **We can't say yes  
because it doesn't make sense!**

Close all the schools we love so well?  
**We can't say yes  
because it doesn't make sense!**

No new textbooks all next year long?  
**We can't say yes  
because it doesn't make sense!**

Where is the \$ from the State of Illinois?  
**It doesn't make sense!  
it doesn't make sense!**

## If I Had a Hammer C/Am/ F/ G

If I had a hammer,  
I'd hammer in the morning.  
I'd hammer in the evening  
All over this land.  
I'd hammer out danger.  
I'd hammer out warning.  
I'd hammer out the love  
between my brothers & my sisters  
All over this land.

2. If I had a bell...

3. If I had a song...

4. I got a hammer & I got a bell  
And I got a song to sing  
All over this land.  
It's the hammer of justice  
It's the bell of freedom  
It's the song about the love  
between.....

# THE 205 BUDGET IS BOGUS

(Waltz sung to the tune of Bring Back My Bonnie)

The 205 budget is bogus  
As anyone looking can see.  
The 205 budget is bogus.  
Oh come back to re-al-i-ty.

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"It is error only, and not truth,  
that shrinks from inquiry."

**Thomas Paine**

"Why is physical courage so  
common but moral courage  
so rare?" **Mark Twain**

# AMANDLA Awetu!

Zulu for- Unity is strength!

# Children learn what they live.

If children live with criticism,  
they learn to condemn.  
If children live with hostility  
they learn to fight.  
If children live with ridicule,  
they learn to be shy.  
If children live with shame,  
they learn to feel guilty.  
If children live with patience,  
they learn to be tolerant.  
If children live with encouragement,  
they learn confidence.  
If children live with praise,  
they learn to appreciate.  
If children live with fairness,  
they learn justice.  
If children live with security,  
they learn to have faith.  
If children live with approval,  
they learn to like themselves.  
If children live with acceptance & friendship,  
they learn to find love in the world.

# MOTHERS PRAYER song

by Karen & David Stocker

Em D G Em  
O creator. Here am I your daughter

A Em  
Out in the wind and the wild

Em D G A  
On my knees and asking please

Bm A Em

O please protect my/ this child.

G D  
Please protect him/ her. Please protect  
him/her

Bm A  
From the world and from himself.

G D  
Please protect him. Please protect him.

Bm A Em  
Please protect my child.

# SOLIDARITY FOREVER

They have taken untold millions that they never toiled to earn  
But without our brain and muscle not a single wheel can turn  
We will break their haughty power,  
gain our freedom when we learn that  
The union makes us strong

**Solidarity Forever, Solidarity Forever, Solidarity Forever**  
**For the union makes us strong**

In our hands is placed a power greater than their hoarded gold  
Greater than the might of atoms multiplied a thousand-fold  
We will give birth a new world from the ashes of the old for  
But the union makes us strong

**Solidarity Forever, Solidarity Forever, Solidarity Forever**  
**For the union makes us strong**

It is we who plowed the prairies,  
build the cities where they trade  
Dug the mines and build the workshops, endless miles of  
railroad laid  
Now we stand outcast and starving 'mid these wonders we have  
made but The union makes us strong

**Solidarity Forever, Solidarity Forever, Solidarity Forever**  
**For the union makes us strong**

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

**Solidarity Forever, Solidarity Forever, Solidarity Forever**  
**For the union makes us strong**

# THE INTERNATIONALE

C F  
Stand up, all victims of oppression  
G C  
For the tyrants fear your might  
C F  
Don't cling so hard to your possessions  
G C  
For you have nothing, if you have no rights  
G D7 G  
Let racist ignorance be ended  
D G  
For respect makes the empires fall  
G C  
Freedom is merely privilege extended  
G D7 G7  
Unless enjoyed by one and all.

## Chorus:

C F  
So come brothers and sisters  
G7 C  
For the struggle carries on  
C G Am Em  
The internationale  
A+ D G7  
Unites the world in song

C F  
So comrades come rally  
G7 C C7  
For this is the time and place  
Em Dm Am Dm7 F  
The international ideal  
C G7 C  
Unites the human race

Let no one build walls to divide us  
Walls of hatred nor walls of stone  
Come greet the dawn & stand beside us  
We'll live together or we'll die alone  
In our world poisoned by exploitation  
Those who have taken, now must give  
And end the vanity of nations  
We've but one earth on which to live

And so begins the final drama  
In the streets and in the fields  
We stand unbowed before their armour  
We defy their guns and shields  
When we fight, provoked by their aggression  
Let's be inspired by like and love  
For though they offer us concessions  
Change will not come from above

Words: billy bragg music: pierre degeyter