

Hold On

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Everything feels crazy
Everything's gone mad
They're trying to confuse us
Take everything that we have

They are playing the oldest game
Distract you as they shift the blame

We've got to hold on to each other
The best that we can
I've got you if you've got me
We have to take a stand
We can't let them tear us apart
We have to be strong, we have to believe
We're gonna make it through
So hold on.

They're tearing us apart
They're doing all they can
They want to erase us, they want to replace us
It's part of their plan

And if you don't fall in line
They'll leave you far behind

We've got to hold on to each other
The best that we can
I've got you if you've got me
We have to take a stand

We can't let them tear us apart
We have to be strong, we have to believe
We're gonna make it through

Don't you dare give up
Don't you dare give in
Don't you dare bow out
Don't you let them win

If we remember what's at stake
We won't have a reason to break

We've got to hold on to each other
The best that we can
I've got you if you've got me
We have to take a stand
We can't let them tear us apart
We have to be strong, we have to believe
We're gonna make it through
So hold on.

Crimson

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Crimson ran through the gutters unceasing
A carnage illusory as tyranny was creeping
It wasn't what we thought a paint overflowed
But in the current climate it seems apropos

A symbolic hue, we were paralyzed
Our work destroyed with a devil's kiss
We're told to believe not what we see
But crimson's impossible to miss

Crimson was everywhere that sunlight could reach
It wasn't human plasma, just mud on a beach
And yet it represented a liberty dying
The endless wreckage, despair was rising

A symbolic hue, we were paralyzed
Our work destroyed with a devil's kiss
We're told to believe not what we see
But crimson's impossible to miss

Fill the gaps with apprehension running wild
Paint a picture of an unprotected child
Tears run into puddles splashing as we go
Where's the end of all the comforts that we know

Crimson was blanketing the ground after dark
Not what we suspected, just flowers in the park
But shortness of breath came, we all were on edge
Afraid to submit to a loyalty pledge

A symbolic hue, we were paralyzed
Our work destroyed with a devil's kiss
We're told to believe not what we see
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Speak Up!

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What you gonna do when they come for your neighbor
When they tear apart families of migrant labor
Because I'm gonna stand up and fight in their favor

What you gonna do when they seize your body
Colonize your womb, make your gender their hobby
When they come I'm gonna scream loudly

Yeah I'm gonna speak up
Be the squeaky wheel
Fight for those I love
Declare the things I feel

This land is yours
This land is mine
It's not for sale
It not for kings
Hear my battle cry

What you gonna do when they hate your love
Deny your marriage and the stars above
I will hold your hand in a gentle hug

So what you gonna do when they cut your job
Taking you for granted and leaving your robbed
Joined my union and we'll march

Yeah I'm gonna speak up
Be the squeaky wheel
Fight for those I love

Declare the things I feel

This land is yours
This land is mine
It's not for sale
It not for kings
Hear my battle cry

What you gonna do when there's nothing left
No people, no targets for their theft
Well it's too late now to just feel bereft

Were all in this together It ain't just you and me
We the people all together of a rainbow country
We may not be great, well we've never really been
But down here in Virginia it's "Sic Semper Tyrannis"

Yeah we're gonna speak up
Be the squeaky wheel
Fight for those we love
Declare the things we feel

This land is yours
This land is mine
It's not for sale
It's not for kings
Hear our battle cry

I Don't Want Your Billions, Mister

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I don't want your billions mister
I don't want your rocket ships
All I want is the right to live mister
A doctor's care when my kids are sick

I don't want your Tesla mister
I don't want your crypto coin
All I want is a steady paycheck
A living wage and union to join

What right you got wrecking our country
You rob and steal and bleed it dry
There ain't no one vote for you mister
It's just a grift and a stack of lies

I don't want your billions mister
I don't want your rocket ships
All I want is the right to live mister
A doctor's care when my kids are sick
I don't want your future mister
I don't want to live on Mars
All I want is to save this planet
Protect Mother Earth 'cause she's all of ours
I don't want your billions mister
I don't want your rocket ships
All I want is the right to live mister
A doctor's care when my kids are sick

Woke

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Once we called it reconstruction, we called it civil rights
We called it social justice, we call it DEI
And every time someone says, "They're pushing way too far."
They forgot how hard we had to push to get to where we are

You say I'm woke, I say I'm trying to be fair
You say I'm radical, I say I care
About the words our founding fathers wrote but their slaves couldn't read
And all the black folks who were strung up for saying what they please

Well, call it what you want, just show me how you live
Do you share what you inherited or take more than you give?
Do you greet a stranger with a helping hand or with a sneer?
Are you seeing what's inside a man or feeding all your fear?

You say I'm woke, I say we're trying to pay a debt
You say I'm radical, I say I can't forget
All the words our founding fathers wrote that the natives couldn't read
And all their children who were taken for believing what they please

It's so easy to pass judgement on the way things used to be
'Cause we're not like they were then, we're enlightened, you and me
But each of us is blind in at least one of our eyes
The question is who knows it, who's living in a lie

"Aw, can't we just move on," you say, "We settled up the score.
We gave you what we could, stop asking us for more."
But what will future generations have to say
When they're reading all about us in their history books one day ...?

We called it women's suffrage, we called it equal rights
We called it women's lib, now we call it DEI
And every time somebody says, "they're pushing way too far"
They forgot how hard we had to push to get to where we are

You say I'm woke, I say we're trying to right some wrongs
You say I'm radical, I say I'm going along
With all the words our founding fathers wrote that their wives couldn't read
And all their daughters who were beaten for dressing as they please

You say I'm woke, I say I'm trying to be kind
You say I'm radical, I say I keep in mind
All the words our founding fathers wrote that everyone should read
And all the couples who were locked up for loving who they please
And the people who were kept down
And the people who were shot down
And the people who died trying
Just trying to live free, just like you and me

Fight Back

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Treason is the reason for impeachment
Bigotry's the drug they try to sell
Only ugly billionaires can reach them
In a ballroom made of secrets they won't tell

Did you want to raise your kids in North Korea?
Go camping by a strip mine in the Fall
Hoping that the thug patrol don't see ya
If you've ever pointed out what parts are small

Don't wait my friends this country's on fire
Don't wait my friends the doves have all flown
Fight back with us the flame's rising higher
Fight back with us with fire of our own

You better keep your money in your mattress
Get a chicken and hope that it will lay
Pray the coming weather's not disastrous
Cuz America right now is pay to play

Did you think the leopards wouldn't come for your face?
After plucking your neighbors off the street
Who'll be left to testify in your case?
They'll be wiped out by some once defunct disease

Think fondly of a time when there were warrants
When arrests and seizures had a cause
Now the jails they send you to are foreign
Free at last from all those pesky laws

Have you seen the famous statue in the green gown?
Beacon for those yearning to be free
She's looking for a place to set her torch down
Woman of color who won't go quietly

Don't wait my friends, this country's on fire
Don't wait my friends, the doves have all flown
Fight back with us the flame's rising higher
Fight back with us, fight back because

You care what the future holds
Care that the truth be told
Know the true meaning of great
Come stand with the rest of us
Fight with the best of us
Raise a fist in resistance today!

Don't wait, Fight back, Don't wait, Fight back
Don't wait, Fight back, Don't wait, Fight back
Don't wait, Fight back, Don't wait, Fight back

Fight back, fight back, fight back
RESIST

The Museum of American Mascots

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I shot a bald eagle
and a buffalo
don't care if it's illegal
gonna post the photo
so the whole damn world will know
just what I've done

Surely some people will condemn me
but others will arise to defend me
start a GoFundMe page to pay my legal bills

Gonna stuff the buffalo
mount the eagle to a drone
and fly it round the flag
in front of my home
and do interviews
with the media
on my front lawn

Surely some people will condemn me
but others will arise to defend me
start a GoFundMe page to pay my legal bills

And I'd like to announce to the public
my latest construction project
the big and beautiful
Museum of American Mascots Resort Casino
and the main attraction is
this dead buffalo and eagle

Gonna carpet the lobby
in rattlesnake skin
so you can tread on it
when you walk on in
we got nickel slots
guaranteed to hit the jackpot once a day

Enjoy your stay

at the great big beautiful
Museum of American Mascots Resort Casino
and it all started with this dead buffalo and eagle

Conman

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Been workin' on this steamboat, 20 years or more
Keep them engines runnin', know just how they go.
I know that handbook inside out, know 10 times more than that
Mutiny's never crossed my mind, crew's scared stiff, I've got to act.

There's a conman in the captain's chair, swingin' us left and right
Throwin' people overboard, y'know that that ain't right.
Someone's got to take control, keep us from a wreck
Get this boat back on the beam, save everybody's neck!

I saw this man out late last year, wagon on the road,
Hawkin' patent medicines, selling land to fools!
Them bottles turned up empty, land ain't worth a note
He just takes folks for all they're worth, now he runs the boat!

There's a conman in the captain's chair, swingin' us left and right
Throwin' people overboard, (as long as they ain't rich or white).
Someone's got to take control, keep us from a wreck
Get this boat back on the beam, save everybody's neck!

I 've seen captains that were friendly, captains that were mean.
Seen captains couldn't get it right, seen captains sharp and keen
This one talks but just don't even know which end is which
He'll kill us all and drive this big boat right into a ditch!

There's a conman in the captain's chair, swingin us left and right
Throwin' people overboard, y'know that just ain't right
Someone's got to take control, keep us from a wreck
Get this boat back on the beam, save everybody's neck!

Queen

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The daily news
Where chaos reigns
A madman rules
The whole world's gone insane
The pendulum
it swung way, way too far
A woman in charge
Could rescue us from where we are

Maybe we need a queen
To usher in civility
Maybe we need a queen
That has humanity
Maybe we need a queen
That has empathy
To look beyond themselves
For all humanity

His lies and deceit
would fall away
A real leader
builds trust with what they say
And understands
What the people need
Like housing, clean air, health care,
Education and groceries

Maybe we need a queen
To usher in civility

Maybe we need a queen
That has humility
Maybe we need a queen
That has empathy
And loves beyond themselves
For all humanity

The way of a loving queen
Is through connection
Like the Queen of Sheba
she'll ask a lot of questions
Fostering the truth
no more division
Considers the impact on future generations

Maybe we need a queen
To usher in civility
Maybe we need a queen
That has resiliency
Maybe we need a queen
That has empathy
And loves beyond themselves
For all humanity
A strong queen would use
her intuition
Her wisdom with powerful compassion
She'd fight for liberty, freedom and justice for all
She'd listen and she would answer the call

Maybe we need a queen
To usher in civility
We sure don't need a king

Destroying democracy

What we really need

Is a woman in the presidency

A woman...

It Could've Been A Woman

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We could've had a bed of roses
We could've had a time
We could've had another era
Of what's mine is yours and yours is mine
We could've had a wild phase
Instead of facing end of days
Can't say I didn't see it comin'
It could've been a woman

We could've had a beauty queen
With flowers in her hair
We might not have to fear no man
Or think to choose the bear
We could've tasted better days
Instead of drowning in malaise
We really could've become something
It could've been a woman

We could've had a better hand
We could've followed better plans
Now we're left with less than nothing

We could've had an all-star team
We could've had a smile
Life would be the sweetest dream
Guess it won't be for a while

We could've done a better job
But we got cheated and we got robbed
Half the time, I don't feel human
It could've been a woman

We could've had a better shot
But now we're stuck with what we got
Man, our engine would be hummin'
It could've been a woman
It could've been our world

We could've had a woman
Why can't it be a woman

A LITTLE GOOD TROUBLE

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We need some good trouble ... some good trouble
Old John Lewis had the right idea
how to get the attention of the powers that be
We got to stand up and march, and let's make it clear,
that we don't intend to ever live in fear

We need some good trouble (good
trouble) got to have some good trouble
(good trouble) we need some good
trouble (good trouble)

When you're sitting there watching the TV News, and
all the insanity gives you the blues
Then after a while you've got a pretty short fuse then
you remember: 'Hey! we get to choose'

We need some good trouble
(good trouble)

Might be time to start a little good trouble, don't ya just sit
there in your own little bubble
suffer in silence, and the bad feelings double
might be time to start a little good trouble
(a little good trouble)

The founding fathers did some pretty good things, when
they wrote up the rules about having No Kings... There's a
balance of power that we've got to maintain We can't give
any one man free reign

So don't you just give up your right to free speech you
might be surprised, how far your voice will reach... If
you're concerned and about to freak out you just can't be
shy, and ya gotta speak right out

Peaceful protest is everyone's right Never surrender it,
fight the good fight we're not just trying to raise a fuss
but we gotta remind them they answer to us

We need some good trouble (good trouble)

Ponle Fin

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A las mujeres les dicen
Que sean buenas
Que se ajusten
Que se aguanten
A las mujeres les dicen
Que sean dulces
Sean lindas
“No se amarguen”
A los hombres les dicen
Que sean firmes
Que sean duros
Que maltraten
Yo no puedo aceptar esas cosas
Yo no suelo conformarme

Coro: Ponle fin pon fin, a eso
Ponle fin pon fin, a eso
Ponle fin pon fin, a eso
Ponle fin pon fin
Ponle fin pon fin, a eso
Ponle fin pon fin, a eso
Ponle fin pon fin, a eso
Ponle fin pon fin

Hay personas que quieren decirte
A quienes tu puedes amar
Y después te llaman pecadores
Por quererte bien casar
Inmigrantes viven con horror

Que los vengán a deportar
Y los negros de la policía
Que los suelen fácil matar

No el machismo
No a la explotación
No a la homofobia
No, te digo no
No a la intolerancia
No a la deportación
No a el racismo
No, a Donald Trump

Rap interlude:

Hey, what year is this
So I can just
Start the list of places not to take trips in a time-ship
But if you happen to be stranded or on assignment
Look to your left, you'll see color and racial bias

The first of the two have already been proven by science
To just be the difference of sunshine
I'm just saying that the basis of races is determined by Melanin our skin from
evolving in different places

And that doesn't, change the fact that I'm human
That doesn't change the fact that these isms are just illusions
Alternative facts can't justify what they are doing so don't give me reasons why
we should start our movements
Let's do it, come on

English Translation:

They tell women

To be good

To be flexible

To be patient

They tell women

To be beautiful

To be sweet

“Don’t be bitter”

They tell men

To be firm

To be harsh

To mistreat others

I cannot accept these things

I cannot keep quiet

Chorus: Put an end, put an end, to that

Put an end, put an end, to that

Put an end, put an end, to that

Put an end, put an end

Put an end, put an end, to that

Put an end, put an end, to that

Put an end, put an end, to that

Put an end to that!

There are people who want to tell you

Who you can love

And then they call you sinners

For wanting to get married

Immigrants live with fear

That they’ll come deport them

And black people fear the police

Who so easily kill them

No to misogyny

No to exploitation

No to homophobia

No, I tell you no

No to intolerance

No to deportation

No to racism

No, to Donald Trump

Sad Little King

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What rough beast
Has slouched up to the Hill
Spitting out its bile
drowning us in swill

Weak little tough guy
You think you're so strong
You never met a fact that
You didn't get wrong

Build a statue of yourself
We'll only tear it down
The world outside is burning
While you're eyeing up your crown

Sad little king
You've built your party of lies
We know the truth, we won't be quiet
While you help our country die

You don't even know
How impotent you are
You think that you're a genius
When you're just a reality star

I wish I could hate you
But you're just too sad
So I'll save my contempt

And pity you instead

You put your hands down our pants and you rummage around

You violate our rights and shove us to the ground

But we know what's truth and we know what's right

We've overthrown before and we won't give up the fight!

You Sad Little King!!!

Resist

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You tweeted 49,000 words today, 49,000 lies
The only word this world wants to hear you say is goodbye
You poison my planet with the venom pouring out of your black heart
Failing at everything you've ever done is your only true trademark

For what it's worth, I've stopped listening
I don't know who could vote for this
I know the cost of freedom.... Resist.

I'm always amazed at the artlessness of your deal
But your rabble cheers you on while you lie, rape, pillage and steal
Greenland and Canada are not spaces in some sick boardgame
They're not playgrounds,
They're not possessions for you to ruin with your pawnshop name

For what it's worth, I've stopped listening.
I don't know who could vote for this
I've found the cost of my freedom.... Resist.

I resist in the name of liberty
I resist with all my might
I resist for the sake of my children
And split your darkness with my light.

You wrap yourself up in the flag that never shows what's underneath
Lay your hand on the Bible and then stand up and lie between your teeth
The whole world is watching and shaking its head in disbelief

For what it's worth, I've stopped listening

I won't sit down and I won't stand for this
I've found the cost of freedom... Resist

We Are Better Than This

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We are better than this, better than this
Mahatma Gandhi reminds us of this
We are better than this, better than this
Mahatma Gandhi reminds us of this

We are better than the empire that you aspire
To mire us into your hate-filled quagmire
Where you hire liars to conceal your desires
And fill your offices with corporate vampires

We are better than this, better than this
Martin Luther King reminds us of this
We are better than this, better than this
Martin Luther King reminds us of this

You rule with deportation, tariffs and tolls
Pound your tiny fists like a nasty little troll
Fill the air with fear and try to steal our souls
You think you can drag us into your hole?

We are better than this, better than this
Nelson Mandela reminds us of this
We are better than this, better than this
Nelson Mandela reminds us of this

You can't turn back the clock on all that has been fixed
We never will forget January 6
We won't forget the chaos in the chambers and the halls
Or the hatred when they tried to scale the Capitol walls

You cannot make us put it all back on a shelf
We'll live again by this: love thy neighbor as thyself

We are better than this, better than this
Gandhi, King, Mandela remind us of this
We are better than this, better than this
Gandhi, King, Mandela remind us of this

So think again, liar, 'cause time will tell
That your narcissistic bravado creates its own hell
You pull us asunder
But I hear December thunder
Says your days will be numbered
Your feet will be encumbered
By the chains of your hate
As you face your fate
At hell's burning gate

When your day of judgment speaks to the havoc you have wreaked
On the hungry, destitute, homeless and the meek
We'll fly our flags with pride, wave them with joy
Rebuild and restore what you have destroyed

'Cause we are better than this, better than this
Gandhi, King, Mandela remind us of this
'Cause we are better than this, better than this
Gandhi, King, Mandela remind us of this

They believed in peace and they'd fight like hell
For those ideals, you know them well
It's our turn now, let's speak as one
And keep on fighting, we have just begun!

We are better than this, better than this
Keep on fighting, we have just begun
We are better than this, better than this
Keep on fighting, we have just begun
We'll keep on fighting, we have just begun