

# Lyrics for the March for Our Lives

## Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me 'Round

**1.** *Ain't gonna let nobody turn me 'round*

*Turn me 'round (2x)*

*Ain't gonna let nobody turn me 'round*

*I'm gonna keep on a-walkin' / keep on a-talkin'*

*Marchin' up to freedom land.*

**2.** *Ain't gonna let **politicians** turn me 'round... etc.*

**3.** *Ain't gonna let **the NRA** turn me 'round...*

Additional potential verses: **gun violence, Paul Ryan, Mitch McConnell**

## Down by the Riverside

**Verse:** *I'm gonna lay down my burden...*

*Down by the riverside (3X)*

*I'm gonna lay down my burden / down by the riverside, and study war no more.*

**Chorus:** *I ain't gonna study war no more (3x), [repeat] OR We are marching for our lives*

**Verse:** *We're gonna stop shooting up our schools...*

**Verse:** *We're gonna let kids grow up in peace...*

## We Have Come Too Far - Round up to 4 parts

*We have come too far, we can't turn around.*

*We'll flood the streets with justice - we are Freedom-bound.*

## If I Had a Hammer - from memory, regular VO arrangement

**Verse:** *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 a warning*

*I'd hammer out love between my brothers and my sisters / all over this land (ooo)*

**Verse:** *If I had a bell, I'd ring it... I'd ring out...*

**Verse:** *If I had song, I'd sing it... I'd sing out...*

**Final Verse:** *Well I've got a hammer, and I've got a bell,*

*And I've got a song to sing / all over this land*

**Coda (sing 2X):** *It's the hammer of justice / it's the bell of freedom*

*It's a song about love between my brothers and my sisters / all over this land.*

## Singing for Our Lives (We Are A Gentle Angry People) -Other verses can be called out

*We are a gentle angry people / And we are singing, singing for our lives 2X*

*We are a justice-seeking people...*

*We are young and old together...*

*We are a land of many colors...*

**Ones from BABAM that we can easily sing melody/make up harmony:**

<https://babamband.org/our-music/> (see lyrics)

This Little Light of Mine

*This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine (3x), let it shine (3X)*

*Don't you blow my little light out...*

*Everywhere I go...*

When the Saints Go Marching In

*Oh when the schools / are safe for all (2X) Lord how I want to be in that number, when the schools are safe for all*

*Oh when all kids / are safe from guns...*

*Oh when our lives / are free from fear...*

This Land is Your Land - basic verses people actually know:

*This land is your land, this land is my land*

*From the California to the New York island*

*From the Redwood Forest, to the gulf stream waters*

*This land was made for you and me*

*As I went walking that ribbon of highway*

*I saw above me that endless skyway*

*And saw below me that golden valley*

*This land was made for you and me*

*(Repeat first verse)*

**Slower songs for welcoming people into the rally, maybe to sing with marchers:**

We Shall Overcome - a little slow for marching, but people liked it at the Fight Supremacy march

*We shall overcome (2X) / we shall overcome some-day!*

*Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe / We shall overcome some-day!*

*We'll walk hand in hand...*

*We shall all be free...*

*We shall live in peace...*

Others can be called out.

Sing About Love (for welcoming people into the rally):

**Verse:** *I don't want to sing **about anger and hate.***

*I don't want to sing **about fear and defeat.***

**Chorus:**

*I don't want to sing about the things I always sing about.*

*I wish I could sing about love (2x)*

**Verse:** *... about war and greed ... about those we can't feed... **Chorus***

**Verse:** *.... about suffering and pain ... for another campaign ... **Chorus***

**Verse:** *... about rights and wrongs ... all the same old songs*

**Coda:** *But I'll sing them and sing them / 'til there's no need to sing them*

*And then I can sing about love (2X)*

*(Repeat coda watching conductor)*

### Amazing Grace

*Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,*

*That saved a wretch; like me!*

*I once was lost, but now am found,*

*Was blind, but now I see.*

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,*

*And grace my fears relieved;*

*How precious did that grace appear*

*The hour I first believed!*

*When we've been there ten thousand years,*

*Bright shining as the sun,*

*We've no less days to sing God's praise*

*Than when we first begun.*