

Aretha Franklin

"Think"

You better think (think) think about what you're trying to do
to me

Think (think, think), let your mind go, let yourself be free

Let's go back, let's go back, let's go way on back when
I didn't even know you, you couldn't too much more than ten
I ain't no psychiatrist, I ain't no doctor with degrees
It don't take too much high IQ's to see what you're doing to
me

You better think (think) think about what you're trying to do
to me

Yeah, think (think, think) let your mind go, let yourself be
free

Oh freedom (freedom), freedom (freedom), freedom, yeah
freedom

Freedom (freedom), freedom (freedom), freedom, ooh
freedom

Think about it, think about it

There ain't nothing you could ask I could answer you but I
won't (I won't)

I was gonna change, but I'm not, to keep doing things I don't

You better think (think) think about what you're trying to do
to me

Yeah, think (think, think), let your mind go, let yourself be
free

People walking around everyday, playing games taking score
Trying to make other people lose their minds, ah, be careful
you don't lose yours

You better think (think) think about what you're trying to do
to me

Yeah, think (think, think), let your mind go, let yourself be
free

You need me (need me) and I need you (don't you know)
Without each other there ain't nothing people can do

The Staple Singers

"Respect Yourself"

If you disrespect anybody

That you run in to

How in the world do you think

Anybody's s'posed to respect you

If you don't give a heck 'bout the man

With the Bible in his hand

Just get out the way

And let the gentleman do his thing

You the kind of gentleman

That want everything your way

Take the sheet off your face, boy

It's a brand new day

Respect yourself, respect yourself

If you don't respect yourself

Ain't nobody gonna give a good cahoot, na na na na

Respect yourself, respect yourself

If you're walking 'round

Think'n that the world

Owes you something

'Cause you're here

You goin' out

The world backwards

Like you did

When you first come here

Keep talkin' 'bout the president

Won't stop evolution

Put your hand on your mouth

When you cough, that'll help the solution

Oh, you cuss around women

And you don't even know their names

And you dumb enough to think

That'll make you a big ol man

Respect yourself, respect yourself

If you don't respect yourself

Ain't nobody gonna give a good cahoot, na na na na

Respect yourself, respect yourself

Respect yourself, respect yourself

Dion

"Abraham, Martin, and John"

Has anybody here seen my old friend Abraham?

Can you tell me where he's gone?

He freed a lot of people,

But it seems the good they die young.

You know, I just looked around and he's gone.

Anybody here seen my old friend John?

Can you tell me where he's gone?

He freed a lot of people,

But it seems the good they die young.

I just looked around and he's gone.

Anybody here seen my old friend Martin?

Can you tell me where he's gone?

He freed a lot of people,

But it seems the good they die young.

I just looked 'round and he's gone.

Didn't you love the things that they stood for?

Didn't they try to find some good for you and me?

And we'll be free

Some day soon, and it's a-gonna be one day ...

Anybody here seen my old friend Bobby?

Can you tell me where he's gone?

I thought I saw him walk up over the hill,

With Abraham, Martin and John.

Sam Cooke

"A Change Is Gonna Come"

I was born by the river in a little tent
Oh, and just like the river I've been
running ever since

It's been a long, a long time coming
But I know a change gon' come, oh
yes it will

It's been too hard living, but I'm
afraid to die
'Cause I don't know what's up there
beyond the sky

It's been a long, a long time coming
But I know a change gon' come, oh
yes it will

I go to the movie and I go down
town
Somebody keep telling me don't
hang around

It's been a long, a long time coming
But I know a change gon' come, oh
yes it will

Then I go to my brother
And I say, "Brother, help me please."
But he winds up knockin' me
Back down on my knees

There been times that I thought I
couldn't last for long
But now I think I'm able to carry on

It's been a long, a long time coming
But I know a change gon' come, oh
yes it will

James Brown

"Say It Loud - I'm Black And I'm Proud"

Look a'here, some people say we got a lot of
malice

Some say it's a lotta nerve
I say we won't quit moving
Til we get what we deserve

We've been buked and we've been scoured
We've been treated bad, talked about
As just as sure as you're born
But just as sure as it take
Two eyes to make a pair, huh

Brother, we can't quit until we get our share
Say it loud,

I'm black and I'm proud
Say it loud,

I'm black and I'm proud, one more time
Say it loud,

I'm black and I'm proud, huh
I've worked on jobs with my feet and my hands
But all the work I did was for the other man
And now we demands a chance

To do things for ourselves
we tired of beating our heads against the wall
And working for someone else

Say it loud,
I'm black and I'm proud
Say it loud,

I'm black and I'm proud
Say it loud,

I'm black and I'm proud
Say it loud,

I'm black and I'm proud, oo wee
Oo wee, ou're killing me

Alright uh, you're out of sight
Alright, so tough, you're tough enough
Oo wee uh, you're killing me, oow

Say it loud,
I'm black and I'm proud
Say it louder,

I'm black and I'm proud
Now we demand a chance to do things for
ourselves

We tired of beating our heads against the wall
And working for someone else

A look a'here,

One thing more I got to say right here
Now, we're people like the birds and the bees

We rather die on our feet,
Than keep living on our knees

Say it loud,
I'm black and I'm proud, hu
Say it loud,

I'm black and I'm proud, hu
Say it loud,

I'm black and I'm proud, Lord'a Lord'a Lord'a
Say it loud,

I'm black and I'm proud, oooh
Uh, alright now, good Lord

You know we can do the boog-a-loo
Now we can say we do the Funky Broadway!

Now we can do, hu

Sometimes we dance, we sing and we talk
You know I do like to do the camel walk

Alright now, hu alright,
Alright now, ha

Say it loud,
I'm black and I'm proud
Say it louder,

I'm black and I'm proud, let me hear ya
Say it louder,

I'm black and I'm proud
Say it louder,

I'm black and I'm proud
bees,

Sly and the Family Stone

"Stand"

Stand

In the end you'll still be you
One that's done all the things you set
out to do

Stand

There's a cross for you to bear
Things to go through if you're going
anywhere

Stand

For the things you know are right
It s the truth that the truth makes them
so uptight

Stand

All the things you want are real
You have you to complete and there is
no deal

Stand. stand, stand

Stand. stand, stand

Stand

You've been sitting much too long
There's a permanent crease in your
right and wrong

Stand

There's a midget standing tall
And the giant beside him about to fall

Stand. stand, stand

Stand. stand, stand

Stand

They will try to make you crawl
And they know what you're saying
makes sense and all

Stand

Don't you know that you are free
Well at least in your mind if you want to
be

Everybody

Stand, stand, stand

Curtis Mayfield and the Impressions

“Keep on Pushing”

Keep on pushing
Keep on pushing

I've got to keep on pushing
I can't stop now
Move up a little higher
Some way or somehow

'Cause I've got my strength
And it don't make sense
Not to keep on pushin'

Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Keep on pushing

Now maybe some day
I'll reach that higher goal
I know that I can make it
With just a little bit of soul
'Cause I've got my strength
And it don't make sense
Not to keep on pushin'

Now look-a look, look-a-look, a-look-a yonder
What's that I see

A great big stone wall
Stands there ahead of me
But I've got my pride
And I'll move on aside
And keep on pushin'

Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Keep on pushing
Keep on pushing
Keep on pushing

Joan Baez

“We Shall Overcome”

We shall overcome,
We shall overcome,
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'll walk hand in hand,
We'll walk hand in hand, some day.

Oh, deep in my heart,
We shall live in peace,
We shall live in peace,
We shall live in peace, some day.

Oh, deep in my heart,
We shall all be free,
We shall all be free,
We shall all be free, some day.

Oh, deep in my heart,
We are not afraid,
We are not afraid,

We are not afraid, TODAY
Oh, deep in my heart,
We shall overcome,
We shall overcome,

We shall overcome, some day.
Oh, deep in my heart,
I do believe

We shall overcome, some day.

Peter, Paul, and Mary

“If I Had A Hammer”

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.

If I had a bell,
I'd ring it in the morning,
I'd ring it in the evening,
All over this land

I'd ring out danger,
I'd ring out a warning
I'd ring out love between my brothers and my sisters,
All over this land.

If I had a song,
I'd sing it in the morning,
I'd sing it in the evening,
All over this land

I'd sing out danger,
I'd sing out a warning
I'd sing out love between my brothers and my sisters,
All over this land.

Well I got a hammer,
And 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 Love between my brothers and my
sisters,
All over this land.

It's the hammer of Justice,
It's the bell of Freedom,
It's the song about Love between my brothers and my
sisters,
All over this land.

Bob Dylan

“The Lonesome Death of Hattie Carroll”

William Zanzinger killed poor Hattie Carroll
With a cane that he twirled around his diamond ring finger
At a Baltimore hotel society gath'rin'
And the cops were called in and his weapon took from him
As they rode him in custody down to the station
And booked William Zanzinger for first-degree murder
But you who philosophize disgrace and criticize all fears
Take the rag away from your face
Now ain't the time for your tears.

William Zanzinger who at twenty-four years
Owns a tobacco farm of six hundred acres
With rich wealthy parents who provide and protect him
And high office relations in the politics of Maryland
Reacted to his deed with a shrug of his shoulders
And swear words and sneering and his tongue it was snarling
In a matter of minutes on bail was out walking
But you who philosophize disgrace and criticize all fears
Take the rag away from your face
Now ain't the time for your tears.

Hattie Carroll was a maid in the kitchen
She was fifty-one years old and gave birth to ten children
Who carried the dishes and took out the garbage
And never sat once at the head of the table
And didn't even talk to the people at the table
Who just cleaned up all the food from the table
And emptied the ashtrays on a whole other level
Got killed by a blow, lay slain by a cane
That sailed through the air and came down through the room
Doomed and determined to destroy all the gentle
And she never done nothing to William Zanzinger
And you who philosophize disgrace and criticize all fears
Take the rag away from your face
Now ain't the time for your tears.

In the courtroom of honor, the judge pounded his gavel
To show that all's equal and that the courts are on the level
And that the strings in the books ain't pulled and persuaded
And that even the nobles get properly handled
Once that the cops have chased after and caught 'em
And that ladder of law has no top and no bottom
Stared at the person who killed for no reason
Who just happened to be feelin' that way witout warnin'
And he spoke through his cloak, most deep and distinguished
And handed out strongly, for penalty and repentance
William Zanzinger with a six-month sentence
Oh, but you who philosophize disgrace and criticize all fears
Bury the rag deep in your face
For now's the time for your tears.

The Rascals

“People Got to Be Free”

All the world over, so easy to see
People everywhere just wanna be free
Listen, please listen, that's the way it should be
Deep in the valley, people got to be free
You should see what a lovely, lovely world this'd be
Everyone learned to live together, ah-hah-unh
Seems to me such an itty bitty thing should be
Why can't you and me learn to love one another?
All the world over, so easy to see
People everywhere just wanna be free
I can't understand it, so simple to me
People everywhere just got to be free
If there's a man who is down and needs a helpin' hand
All it takes is you to understand and to pull him through, ah-hah-
unh
Seems to me we got to solve it individually, ah-hah-unh
And I'll do unto you what you do to me
Shout it from the mountain on out to the sea (out to the sea)
No two ways about it, people have to be free
Ask me my opinion, my opinion will be
Nat'ral situation for a man to be free
Git right on board now
[Instrumental Interlude]
Oh, what a feelin's just come over me
Love can move a mountain, make a blind man see
Everybody sing it now come on let's go see
Deep in the valley now, we ought to be free
[Spoken:]
See that train over there?
That's the train of freedom
It's about to 'rrive any minute, now
You know it's been'a long, long overdue
Look out 'cause it's a'comin' right on through