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Protest songs

A Change is Gonna Come (Sam Cooke)
 Big Yellow Taxi (Joni Mitchell) 
 Call It Democracy (Bruce Cockburn) 
 Fight The Power* (Public Enemy) *explicit lyrics
 Get Up, Stand Up (Bob Marley & the Wailers)
 Never Surrender (Corey Hart) 
 People Have the Power (Patti Smith)
 People Like Us (Kelly Clarkson)
 Power to the People (John Lennon)
 Respect (Aretha Franklin)
 Revolution (The Beatles)
 Rise Up (The Parachute Club) 
 Take Back the Power (The Interrupters)
 Talkin' Bout a Revolution (Tracy Chapman)
 Them Belly Full–But We Hungry (Bob Marley)
 Titanium (David Guetta & Sia)
 Uprising (Muse)
 We're Not Gonna Take It (Twisted Sister)
 Won't Back Down (Tom Petty & the Heartbreakers)
 You Haven't Done Nothin' (Stevie Wonder)

Solidarity Forever (*Ralph Chaplin*)
(to the tune of *Battlehymn of the Republic*)

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

Refrain: Solidarity forever, solidarity forever,

 Solidarity forever, for the union makes us strong

Is there aught we hold in common with the greedy parasite

Who would lash us into serfdom and would crush us with his might?

Is there anything left to us but to organize and fight?

For the union makes us strong

It is we who plowed the prairies, built the cities where they trade

Dug the mines and built the workshops, endless miles of railroad laid

Now we stand outside and starving midst the wonders we have made

But the union makes us strong

All the world that's owned by idle drones is our and ours alone

We have laid the wide foundations, built it skyward stone by stone

It is ours, not to slave in, but to master and to own

While the union makes us strong

They have taken untold millions that they never toiled to earn

But without our brain and muscle not a single wheel can turn

We can break their haughty power, gain our freedom when we learn

That the union makes us strong

In our hands is placed a power greater than their hoarded gold

Greater than the might of armies magnified a thousandfold

We can bring to birth a new world from the ashes of the old

For the union makes us strong

Songs of warning, injustice, & resilience

A Criminal Mind (Gowan) 
Ain't No Mountain High Enough (Marvin Gaye & Tammi Terrell)
Ain't No Rest for the Wicked (Cage the Elephant)
Bad Moon Rising (Creedence Clearwater Revival)
Bad Reputation (Joan Jett & the Blackhearts)
Carry On (The Box) 
Come Out and Play (The Offspring)
Dancing in the Streets (Martha Reeves & the Vandellas)
Dancing on My Own Ground (Gowan) 
Don't Stop (Fleetwood Mac)
Eve of Destruction (Barry McGuire)
Feel It Still (Portugal. The Man)
Fight Another Day (Brandon Heath)
Fortunate Son (Creedence Clearwater Revival)
For What It's Worth (Buffalo Springfield)
Get on Your Feet (Gloria Estefan)
Help! (The Beatles)
Highway to Hell (AC/DC)
Hit Me with Your Best Shot (Pat Benatar)
I Can't Get No Satisfaction (The Rolling Stones)
If I Had a Rocket Launcher (Bruce Cockburn) 
I'm Still Standing (Elton John)
It's the End of the World As We Know It (R.E.M.)
Keep Holding On (Avril Lavigne) 
Lean On Me (Bill Withers)
Let's Get It Started (Black Eyed Peas)
Lie Lie Lie (Metric) 
Nazi (Chumbawumba)
One Tin Soldier (The Original Caste) 
O-o-h Child (The Five Stairsteps)
Put a Little Love in Your Heart (Al Green & Annie Lennox)
Quiet (MILCK)

Renegades (*X Ambassadors*)
Rockin' in the Free World (*Neil Young*) 🇨🇦
Shake It Off (*Taylor Swift*)
Shine a Light (*Bryan Adams*) 🇨🇦
Step by Step (*Whitney Houston*)
Stronger (*Kelly Clarkson*)
This Land is Your Land—Canadian version (*The Travellers*) 🇨🇦
Too Bad (*Doug & the Slugs*) 🇨🇦
Under Pressure (*Queen & David Bowie*)
Up! (*Shania Twain*) 🇨🇦
Warrior (*Avril Lavigne*) 🇨🇦
We Didn't Start the Fire (*Billy Joel*)
We Shall Overcome (*Dropkick Murphys*)...or the *singalong* version below
What an Idiot He Is (*Ashley MacIsaac*) 🇨🇦
What's Going On (*Marvin Gaye*)
Won't Get Fooled Again (*The Who*)

We Shall Overcome (*Pete Seeger, Rev Charles Tindley*)

We shall overcome, we shall overcome,

We shall overcome some day

Refrain: Deep in my heart I do believe

We shall overcome some day

2. We'll walk hand in hand...

4. We are not afraid...

3. We shall all be free...

5. We are not alone...

The Times, They Are A-Changin' *(Bob Dylan, Kimiko Shibata)*

Come, gather 'round, people, wherever you roam

And admit that the waters around you have grown

And accept it that soon you'll be drenched to the bone

If your time to you is worth savin'

Then you better start swimming or you'll sink like a stone

For the times, they are a-changin'

Interlude:

Come writers and critics who prophesize with your pen

And keep your eyes wide, the chance won't come again

And don't speak too soon, for the wheel's still in spin

And there's no telling who that it's namin'

For the loser now will be later to win

For the times, they are a-changin'

Interlude:

Come MPPs, Premiers, please heed the call

Don't stand in the doorway, don't block up the hall

For he that gets hurt will be he who has stalled

There's a battle outside and it's ragin'

It'll soon shake your windows and rattle your walls

For the times, they are a-changin'

Interlude:

Come mothers and fathers throughout the land

And don't criticize what you can't understand

Your sons and your daughters are beyond your command

Your old road is rapidly agin'

Please get out of the new one if you can't lend your hand

For the times, they are a-changin'

Interlude:

(Some lyrics cut off in photo), the curse it is cast

The slow one now will later be fast

As the present now will later be past

The order is rapidly fadin'

And the first one now will later be last

For the times, they are a-changin'

Outro:

For our purple partners

Both Sides of the Story (*Phil Collins*)

Deep Purple (*Donny & Marie Osmond*)

On Strike (*Gmac Cash*)

There is Power in a Union (*Billy Bragg*)

Purple People Eater (*Sheb Wooley*)

Purple Rain (*Prince & the Revolution*)

Taking Care of Business (*Bachman Turner Overdrive*) 🇨🇦

This is a Union Town (*Tom Morello*)

9 to 5 (*Dolly Parton*)

“All About the Booze”--see **parodies** below

“Another Frickin’ Shortfall”--see **parodies** below

Home grown

[Oh Dougie](#) (*Christophe Elie*) 🇨🇦 [Show Us the Texts](#) (*Robert Priest*) 🇨🇦

[Alex Huot](#) on YouTube has songs & videos he produced using A.I. 🇨🇦

If the [Raging Grannies](#) have a chapter in your area, invite them to sing. 🇨🇦

Kid-friendly songs for education rallies

Oh, Let the Funding In (*traditional, Kimiko Shibata*)

Oh, let the funding in, face us with a grin

Our kids should never lose, and Ford should never win

So let the funding in, face us with a grin

Open up your hearts and let the funding in!

We're All in This Together (*traditional, Kimiko Shibata*)

Refrain: We're all in this together, together, together

We're all in this together for our kids, you see

For your kids are my kids and all kids are our kids

We're all in this together for our kids, you see

There's parents and ETFO, OSSTF and OECTA

AEFO and our students

We're all in this together for our kids, you see

Children (*Rodgers & Hammerstein, Kimiko Shibata*)
(to the tune of *Edelweiss*)

Children, children, every morning you greet me

Small and bright, eyes full of light, you look happy to meet me

We want you all to learn and grow, learn and grow forever

Children, children, you deserve the best education

Our Funding Lies Over the Ocean *(traditional, Kimiko Shibata)*

My Premier takes money from children

My Premier takes money from me

My Premier takes money from children

Oh bring back our funding, oh please

Refrain: Bring back, bring back,

Bring back our funding oh please, oh please

Bring back, bring back,

Bring back our funding oh please

Our funding lies over the ocean

Our funding lies over the sea

Our funding lies over the ocean

Oh bring back our funding, oh please

Our funding blows over the ocean

Our funding blows over the sea

Our funding blows over the ocean

Oh bring back our funding, oh please

We Shall Not be Moved (*Pete Seeger, Kimiko Shibata*)

We shall not be, we shall not be moved

We shall not be, we shall not be moved

Refrain: Just like a tree that's growing by the water side

We shall not be moved

We're up against Doug Ford, we shall not be moved

We're up against Calandra, we shall not be moved

We're fighting for ESL, we shall not be moved

We're fighting for special ed, we shall not be moved

We're fighting for EAs, we shall not be moved

We're fighting for safe schools, we shall not be moved

We're fighting for children, we shall not be moved

We're fighting for our future, we shall not be moved

I've Been Working in the Classroom *(traditional, Kimiko Shibata)*

I've been working in the classroom all the livelong day

I've been working in the classroom teaching your kids day by day

Don't you hear the children crying, "We need help to succeed"

Can't you hear the teachers shouting, "Funding's what we need"

Refrain: Dougie won't you fund, Dougie won't you fund

Dogie won't you fund our schools?

Dogie won't you fund, Dougie won't you fund

Dogie won't you fund our schools?

Someone's in the kitchen with Doug Ford

Someone's in the kitchen, I know

Someone's in the kitchen Doug Ford

Cutting the supports we know

My Kids (The Temptations, Kimiko Shibata)

I've got sunshine on a cloudy day

When it's cold outside, I've got the month of May

Refrain: I'd guess you'd say, what can make me feel this way?

My kids (my kids, my kids), talkin' 'bout my kids (my kids)

I've got such great students, they make me happy

I've got sadness in my heart when they're away from me

Refrain, then interlude:

I don't need no Calandra, no Ford, making cuts this way

I need solid funding for my kids to thrive today

I've got sunshine on a rainy day with my kids

I've even got the month of May with my kids

Where Has All the Funding Gone *(Pete Seeger, Kimiko Shibata)*

Where has all the funding gone, long time passing?

Where has all the funding gone, long time ago

Where has all the funding gone, Doug Ford stole it, everyone

Refrain: When will they ever learn? When will they ever learn?

Where have all the programs gone, long time passing?

Where have all the programs gone, long time ago

Where have all the programs gone, cut by Doug Ford, every one

Where have all the classes gone...

Where have all the resources gone...

Where have all the supports gone...

We Love our Students *(traditional, Kimiko Shibata)*

We love our students, our precious students

They make us happy when skies are grey

We'll fight to save them from Doug Ford's harsh cuts

Please don't take our funding away

The other night, dear, as I lay sleeping

I dreamed our funding had come back

When I awoke, dear, I was mistaken

So I hung my head and I cried

Paul Calandra *(traditional, Kimiko Shibata)*

(to the tune of Mr Sun)

Oh Paul Calandra, Paul Calandra, please come back to the table

Oh Paul Calandra, Paul Calandra, hiding when you are able

These pleading teachers are asking you

To please come out so we can talk to you

Oh Paul Calandra, Paul Calandra, please come back

Please come back, please come back to the table

Parodies

Everybody Cut Ford Loose (Kenny Loggins, Susan Lowe)
...& [karaoke version](#) to sing along with

Not workin' too hard, deals in his backyard
Eight hours – for what? Next he will buy a yacht!
He's got this feeling the law's just holdin' him down
Wheeling & dealing with rich guys all over town

That's why we're cutting Ford loose (Ford loose)
We're tired of the abuse
Please, you sleaze, we're all feeling the squeeze
Axe that hack! Time has come to push back
Schmooze, you lose! Everybody cut Ford loose!

Ford thinks he's so cool, disobeys every rule
He digs under 40, he's burnin', yearnin', for some
Some judge to tell him that his corruption's all right
We're here to tell him we're never giving up this fight!
We'll defy!

Til we cut Ford loose (Ford loose)
Kicked out on his caboose
Til we, with glee, make him shake like a leaf
Throw that schmo, show him where he can go!
No excuse! Everybody cut Ford loose!

(Oh...) Cut Ford loose! (x3)

(1st) We've got to turn things around
(2nd) Take back the reins from this boozehound
(3rd) Find leaders who have a soul

(Ah...aah...) We're turning Ford loose! (Ford loose)
We're tired of the abuse
Please, you sleaze, we're all feeling the squeeze
Axe that hack! Time has come to push back
Schmooze, you lose! Everybody cut Ford loose!

Ford loose! (Ford loose)
We're tired of the abuse
Please, you sleaze, we're all feeling the squeeze
Axe that hack! Time has come to push back
Schmooze, you lose!

Everybody cut, everybody cut (x3)
Everybody, everybody cut Ford loose!

Another Frickin' Shortfall (Pink Floyd, Susan Lowe)
...and the [karaoke version](#) to sing along with

Kids need staff for education
They don't need cops on patrol
Need EAs helping in the classroom
Staff has been worked to the bone

Hey! Dougie! Why do you postpone?
Til the fall, it's just more lame excuses to stall
Takes some gall to lie to parents as you stonewall

Kids need funds for education
Trustees; not friends on payroll
No more evacuating classrooms
(Or) teachers paying on their own

Hey! Dougie! Where's six billion flown?
Kids are suff'ring for your friends' financial windfall
Schools cannot survive another **frickin'** shortfall

(Sensitive types may substitute **sick'ning** for **frickin'**)

All About the Booze (Meghan Trainor, Susan Lowe)
...& the [karaoke version](#) to sing along with

Doug Ford, you know, he's all about the booze, 'bout the booze, **no ethics**
He's all about the booze, 'bout the booze, **no science**
He's all about the booze, 'bout the booze, **no funding**
He's all about the booze, 'bout the booze, booze, booze, booze

Yeah it's pretty clear, Ford ain't got two clues
He's always on the take, he's not supposed to!
He's got no ethics, no sense of disgrace,
And all the wrong friends in all the wrong places

He closed the Science Centre, said that the roof would fall
We know that threat ain't real, come on, you made that up!
But when a SCHOOL is crumbling, hear that scuzzball
Say "Every inch of it is perfect from the bottom to the top!"

If your kids can no longer afford to attend a college,
They should just take a lesson from Dougie: "Hide at the cottage!
Why waste good money on trying to get 'edu-ma-cated,'
When deep down, students would rather just get intoxicated?"

Doug Ford, you know, he's all about the booze, 'bout the booze, **no OSAP**
He's all about the booze, 'bout the booze, **no rent freeze**
He's all about the booze, 'bout the booze, **no bike lanes**
He's all about the booze, 'bout the booze...

He's bringing secrets back!
Says polls & journalists are full of crap!
Disobeys judges, grew up dealing smack!
We're here to tell you:
Every inch of him is rotten from the bottom to the top!

Yeah, Doug Ford doesn't care if you're worried about your health
Long as he and his cronies continue to grow their wealth
If you're dreaming of six figures instead of minimum wage
He'll just write a prescription for ten ways to drown your rage

Doug Ford, you know, he's all about the booze, 'bout the booze, **no info**
He's all about the booze, 'bout the booze, **no data**
He's all about the booze, 'bout the booze, **no justice**
He's all about the booze, 'bout the booze...hey!

Doug Ford, you know, he's all about the booze, 'bout the booze, **no input**
He's all about the booze, 'bout the booze, **no trustees**
He's all about the booze, 'bout the booze, **no councils**
He's all about the booze, 'bout the booze...

You may think that we all have our input with each election
But if Ford finds he isn't compatible with our selection
He'll appoint a good buddy, a move that is symptomatic
Of a ruler whose conduct's increasingly undemocratic

(Idea: Sing extra choruses of this & give protesters turns to add their own "No ____")

If You're Angry & You Know It *(traditional, Susan Lowe)*

If you're angry & you know it, fight Doug Ford (x2)
If you're angry & you know it,
Change your vote before he blows it
If you're angry & you know it, fight Doug Ford

If your rent went up again, thank Doug Ford (x2)
If your rent went up again,
Change your next vote with your pen
If your rent went up again, thank Doug Ford

If you lost your OSAP grant, thank Doug Ford (x2)
If you lost your OSAP grant,
Come & join us while we chant
If you lost your OSAP grant, thank Doug Ford

If the school can't help your kid, thank Doug Ford (x2)
If the school can't help your kid,

Due to funding he forbid

If the school can't help your kid, thank Doug Ford

If you still don't have a doctor, thank Doug Ford (x2)

If you still don't have a doctor,

That's cuz Doug Ford is a mobster

If you still don't have a doctor, thank Doug Ford