

FOR THE PEOPLE

Protest Songs for This Moment

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Foreword

These songs weren't written to be polite.

They came out of watching lines get crossed in real time - laws bent, people disappeared, cruelty dressed up as policy, and silence sold as virtue.

I didn't set out to write protest songs. I wrote what I couldn't swallow. What I couldn't ignore. What I didn't want to explain away to my kids or grandkids someday.

This book isn't a sermon and it isn't a brand exercise. It's a record of what it felt like to be paying attention.

Some of these songs are meant to be sung together. Some are meant to sit heavy. All of them are meant to remind us that power doesn't come from crowns, offices, or men who demand obedience.

It comes from us, the people, who refuse to disappear.

If you're reading this, you're part of that!

Thank You!

Together We'll Prevail!

Dedication

These songs were written out of love, not anger.

Love for my children, their spouses and partners, and for my grandchildren – **Josh, Sadie, and William (Liam)** - who deserve to inherit an explainable country, not a cautionary tale.

I grew up in the long shadow of World War II and the Cold War. I was raised by a generation that understood, firsthand, what happens when authoritarianism goes unchallenged and when people convince themselves that “it can’t happen here.” I was taught that freedom isn’t permanent, that democracy isn’t self-sustaining, and that complacency is how republics die.

I hoped things would have improved by now. In many ways, they did. And then we stopped paying attention.

Generations grew comfortable. We treated democracy like an heirloom instead of a responsibility. We mistook stability for inevitability. We forgot that **freedom isn’t free!**

Democracy only survives if it is defended - every day, by ordinary people, in ordinary ways, and sometimes at extraordinary cost. History is clear on that point. The price of defending it is always high. The price of failing to defend it is higher.

These songs are my way of refusing to be silent while an authoritarian, fascist movement tries to take root in this country. They are my attempt to push back, to bear witness, and to leave behind proof that some of us saw what was happening and chose to stand up anyway.

If my grandchildren ever ask what I did when democracy was under threat, this is part of the answer. This song book is dedicated to them - and to anyone who still believes that a better country is possible, but only if we are willing to fight for it!

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Foundational Resistance

Does That Promise Still Wave

Lyrics and Music by Kevin Conner (KC N Kind)

[Verse 1]

By the dawn's early light, do you see what we've done

With the promise we carried when the hard fights were won

We stood shoulder to shoulder, we bled, we believed

Not a throne, not a pulpit, just the right to be free

[Verse 2]

And the rockets' red glare, bombs tearing the sky
Weren't for kings or for crosses pushed down from on high

They were proof in the night, through the smoke and the flame

That the people still mattered, not fortune or name

[Chorus]

Red for the blood of the ones who stood tall

White for the hope that still belongs to us all

Blue for the truth we swore we would save

One nation of people, not subjects or slaves

So tell me, my brother, my sister, my friend

Does that star-spangled promise still wave in the wind?

[Verse 3]

I remember a classroom, my hand on my chest

Saying liberty, justice, believing the rest

Not a test of your faith, not a line you must toe

Just a vow to each other, no matter who you know

[Verse 4]

Now they wrap up their power in Scripture and fear

Call dissent a damnation, call cruelty "clear"

They preach law and order, but shatter the law!

While the brave are still rising and saying, "No more!"

[Chorus]

Red for the blood of the ones who stood tall

White for the hope that still belongs to us all

Blue for the truth we swore we would save

One nation of people, not subjects or slaves

So tell me, my brother, my sister, my friend

Does that star-spangled promise still wave in the wind?

[Bridge]

The land of the free doesn't kneel to a crown

Or a god used as cover to burn freedom down

If the home of the brave means anything still

It's the courage to fight when the powerful kill
[fade]

So tell me, my brother, my sister, my friend

Does that star-spangled promise still wave in the wind?

[Final Chorus]

Red, white, and blue isn't theirs to betray

It was forged in defiance, it was earned this way

We don't bow to a flag while its meaning decays

We stand up for the words that it's meant to portray

So rise with the dawn, let the truth hit the air.

We're still here, still fighting, that flag's ours to bear!

No King But The People

Lyrics and Music By Kevin Conner (KC N Kind)

[Verse 1]

In the streets of the city, the soldiers march through,
The rich drink their whiskey, the poor pay the due.
But a voice in the darkness, it rises, it grows,
It's the sound of the people, the whole country knows.

[Chorus]

No king but the people, no crown on that head,
No throne for the tyrant, no tears will we shed.
We'll stand by each other, whatever may come,
No king but the people, the people are one.

[Verse 2]

They've taken our neighbors, in cages they lie,
The sick and the weary, left broken to die.
But their names are our thunder, their memory our flame,
And the song that we carry will carry their name.

[Chorus]

No king but the people, no crown on that head,
No throne for the tyrant, no tears will we shed.
We'll stand by each other, whatever may come,
No king but the people, the people are one.

[Outro]

Leader: Not today!

Crowd: We are not afraid!

Leader: No Go!

Crowd: No king today!

All: No king but the people, the people are one!

The People Are One!

Whose Country

Lyrics and Music By Kevin Conner (KC N Kind)

[Verse 1]

They use our past like a weapon, try to turn back
the years

But the people stand together, we're louder than
their fear

Our land is not their kingdom, no crown, no throne,
no lies

It belongs to every voice, for those who'll stand and
rise

[Chorus] CALL AND RESPONSE

Leader: Whose country?

Crowd: Our country!

Leader: Whose streets?

Crowd: Our streets!

Leader: Whose voices?

Crowd: Our voices!

Crowd: We won't back down today!

Ooooooaaaa, Ooooooaaa

Ooooooaaaa, Ooooooaaa

[Verse 2]

From the fields to the cities, from the mountains to
the shore

We've carried every burden, and we won't take
anymore

Our future can't be stolen, Our strength won't fade
away.

This country is its people, and we 'll rise today

[Chorus] CALL AND RESPONSE

Leader: Whose country?

Crowd: Our country!

Leader: Whose streets?

Crowd: Our streets!

Leader: Whose voices?

Crowd: Our voices!

Crowd: We will not give up today!

Leader: Whose country?

Crowd: Our country!

Leader: Whose streets?

Crowd: Our streets!

Leader: Whose voices?

Crowd: Our voices!

Crowd: We will not give up today!

[Outro]

Crowd: Say their names!

Leader: We are not afraid!

Crowd: Hold the line!

Leader: No king today!

Crowd: Whose country?

Leader: Our country!

Crowd: Whose country?

Ooooooaaaa, Ooooooaaa

Ooooooaaaa, Ooooooaaa

We The People

Lyrics and Music By Kevin Conner (KC N Kind)

[Intro]

Ooooooooo, Yeah

[Verse 1]

They steal from the poor, feed the billionaires,
Tear down the laws, tell us life ain't fair.
Medicaid's gone, they steal the checks,
Seniors can't eat, but they fly their jets.

[Pre-Chorus]

But we ain't bowin, we ain't blind,
You take what's ours? We take to the streets No
justice? No peace!
We won't back down, we won't retreat!

[Chorus]

We the people, we won't kneel!
Steal our rights? We bring the steel!
We the people, hear us roar!
Of the people, by the people, that's what our
Governments for!

[Verse 2]

45's back, with his puppet show,
Musk bought the airwaves, now the truth don't
flow.
Cuttin' deals in the backrooms, playing God,
Sellin' out our futures to the corporate frauds.

[Pre-Chorus]

Rage in the streets, fists in the air,
This ain't a game, this ain't fair.

No justice? No peace!

We ain't afraid, hear the beast!

[Chorus]

We the people, we won't kneel!
Steal our rights? We bring the steel!
We the people, hear us roar!
Of the people, by the people,
that's what our Government's for!

[Bridge]

50501, 86-47,
They kill the dream but we're not done.
They rob the sick, they steal our pay,
While old white cowards look away.
No schools, no aid, no place to run,
But we still outnumber them 10 to 1.

[Final Chorus]

We the people, we won't kneel!
Steal our rights? We bring the steel!
We the people, hear us roar!
Of the people, by the people,
that's what our Government's for!

[Outro]

They take and they take, till there's nothing left,
But we hold the power, we ain't done yet.
No justice? No peace!
No backing down till the tyrants leave

Power To The People

Lyrics and Music By Kevin Conner (KC N Kind)

[Verse 1]

We don't whisper in the alley, we shout it in the street

Words are the First Amendment's hammer, the truth is the beat

They can jail the body, but the voice breaks free!

This land don't bow to kings, it belongs to you and me!

[Chorus]

Power to the people, say it loud, say it plain

Power to the people, it's runnin' through our veins
From the mill towns, back roads, the city blocks at night

Power to the people, we're the ones who hold the right

[Verse 2]

Ink on the fingers, cameras in hand

Tellin' the stories they don't want in this land

You can smear it, spin it, try to bury the page

But the truth still burns, and it don't fade with age

[Verse 3]

Call: Crowds in the square,

Response: Boots on the ground

Call: When the law bends crooked,

Response: That's when we're found

We stand together, we don't kneel to a crown

This is America- you can't just shut us down

[Bridge]

Sign your name, lift your fist, raise your call

The power ain't his - it belongs to us all

When the suits try to rule like a throne in D.C.

The First is the shield for this land of the free

[Final Chorus]

Call: Power to the people,

Response: Let it ring, let it roar

Together: Power to the people, that's what the First Amendment's for

From the rivers to the Rust Belt, the coasts to the plains

Power to the people - we're the fire in its veins

[Closing Verse]

They wrote it on parchment, we carry it still

Through the blood and the marches, the voice is the will

It ain't paper in glass, it's the fight that we keep

Power to the people, the promise don't sleep

Power to the people!

Power to the people!

Oath Keeper (By The People)

Lyrics and Music By Kevin Conner (KC N Kind)

(Spoken)"Raise your right hand... Repeat after me."

(brief pause)

(Spoken)"This time, we all say it together."

[VERSE 1]

(Spoken)

I swear to uphold what's written in truth,
Not to a man, not to a party, not to a twisted
excuse.

From Courthouse steps to Capitol dome,
This oath I swear, it don't bend, and it sure ain't
owned.

(Speak Sing)

It wasn't carved for kings, or sold to fear,
It was forged by blood, and we hold it dear.
So don't, flash your badge like a brand new crown,
When the people rise up, you best stand down.

[CHORUS]

CALL: Who do you serve?

RESPONSE The Constitution!

CALL: Where does your loyalty lie?

RESPONSE: We the People, not the lie!

ALL:

We took the oath, now hear it ring,
Not to a throne, not to a king.
From badge to bench, from pen to gun,
You serve the truth, or you serve no one.

[VERSE 2]

Not a party line scrawled in spin,
Not the voice of hate dressed up again.
The law's not a leash you pull on the poor,
It's a pact with the people, nothing less, nothing
more.
We ain't askin' for favors, we're calling your bluff,
If you swore that oath, then enough's enough.
Stand with us, not over us,
Justice ain't justice if it don't include us.

VOICE 1:

(Spoken)

VOICE 1"I will support and defend the Constitution
of the United States..."

VOICE 2:"...against all enemies, foreign and
domestic..."

VOICE 3:"...that I will bear true faith and allegiance
to the same."

PAUSE – brief silence

SOLO VOICE – FIRM AND DEFIANT, (SPOKEN)

So why do I see riot shields aimed at speech?
Why do the protectors bow to the breach?
You swore that oath, it wasn't pretend.
Stand with the people, or stand condemned!

[CHORUS]

CALL: Who do you serve?

RESPONSE: The Constitution!

CALL: Where does your loyalty lie?

RESPONSE: We the People, not the lie!

ALL:

We took the oath, now hear it ring,
Not to a throne, not to a king.
From street to cell, from judge to gun,
You serve the truth, or you serve no one.

[OUTRO]

VOICE 1:"Support and defend...

VOICE 1...the Constitution of the United
States.....bear true faith and allegiance...

SOLO VOICE2 – FIRM AND DEFIANT, (SPOKEN)
...to the same."

[CHORUS]

CALL: Who do you serve?

RESPONSE: The Constitution!

CALL: Where does your loyalty lie?

RESPONSE: We the People, not the lie!

ALL:

We took the oath, now hear it ring,
Not to a throne, not to a king.
From badge to bench, from pen to gun,
You serve the truth, or you serve no one.

Escalation and Reckoning

This Isn't the Red White & Blue

Lyrics and Music By Kevin Conner (KC N Kind)

[Verse 1]

I grew up in a country where your word was all you had,
You shook on a deal, and that deal would stand.
Sundays smelled like coffee and fresh-cut grass,
And the radio played while the sun slid past.
We flew that flag 'cause we knew what it meant,
Worked hard all week just to cover the rent.

[Verse 2]

But somethin' changed in the land that I knew,
Now they ship off kids with cancer, like freight in a van,
Breakin' up families just 'cause they can.
Stackin' courts with loyal men in gold-trimmed robes,
While billionaires rewrite the rules behind closed doors.
He's tradin' jets for favors, slippin' through the cracks,
This ain't the flag our soldiers died for, no turnin' back.

[Chorus]

Where's that land of the brave, home of the true?
Now it's greed in gold towers and red hats of ruin.
We were raised to stand tall, not bow to a king,
They kiss the ring while liberty's bell don't ring.
Ain't the stars I pledged, ain't the stripes I knew
This isn't the Red, White, and Blue.

[Verse 3]

They're cuttin' Medicaid while the wealthy applaud,
Gamblin' with our golden years, like some backroom fraud.
Sellin' out the country, one deal at a time,
While veterans who bled red sleep under highway signs.
They wave big flags, but their hearts stay hollow,
All that talk of justice, they refuse to follow.

[Bridge]

Time was we stood for somethin' more than greed and power,
Truth meant somethin' sacred, not just the lie of the hour.
The world once looked to us as a beacon on the hill,
Now they're watchin' us crumble, but I believe still.
In the heart of real Americans, there burns a flame,
One that can't be bought or sold in anybody's name.

[Verse 4]

Supreme Court's stacked, wearin' loyalty robes,
But the fed bench still stands, carryin' hope.
He sends pizza to judges like some mob-boss play,
While talkin' 'bout deportin' folks without a delay.
Jailin' state judges just for doin' what's right
This ain't law and order, it's a strongman's fight.

[Chorus]

Where's that land of the brave, home of the true?
Now it's greed in gold towers and red hats of ruin.
We were raised to stand tall, not bow to a king,
They kiss the ring while liberty's bell doesn't ring.
Ain't the stars I pledged, ain't the stripes I knew
This isn't the Red, White, and Blue.

[Final Refrain]

But this land is still ours, it ain't just for the few,
We can turn back the tide if we stand firm, stand true.
Cause real patriot hearts don't surrender the fight,
We'll reclaim our flag from the darkness, bring it back to light.
We'll rebuild what's broken, make it stronger, make it new
For the real Red, White, and Blue.
Red, White, and Blue
Red, White, and Blue

This Ain't America

Lyrics and Music By Kevin Conner (KC N Kind)

[Verse 1]

They say love your neighbor, but our lines are drawn deep
They're puttin' kids in cages, families losing sleep
They wave that flag while turning folks away
Tell me is this really our American way?

[Verse 2]

We used to welcome the tired and the poor
Now fear's posted at every door
The fairs are canceled, the streets feel cold
And the silence is loud where stories once were told

[Chorus]

This ain't America, not the way I was raised
Where folks had your back and truth got praised
Where justice meant something and lies didn't win
Now it's all smoke and mirrors and who's got the spin
But I still believe in the soul of this land
So I'm standin' up! A Protest sign in my hand

[Verse 3]

They say it's about law, but they're gutting its core
Locking up voices, kickin' in our door
Talking 'bout Habeas like it's just some rule
You don't scrap the Constitution, like some backroom tool

[Bridge]

My Uncles fought with a flag on their chest
Believed in a country that tried to do its best
Now I see it slippin', lie after lie
And I'm not just gonna stand here, just stand by

[Final Chorus]

'Cause this ain't America, not the land that I know
Where we turn our backs or just let it all go
We're the voices that rise, the boots in the street
The hands that won't fold, the hearts that still beat
You can tear at the seams, you can lie through your teeth
But we remember the promise underneath
This ain't America, no, not on our watch
We're takin' it back, you ready or not
We're takin it back, ready or not!

I Don't Recognize This Place

Lyrics and Music By Kevin Conner (KC N Kind)

[Verse 1]

Old friends at the diner, now sit on opposite sides
Where we once shared coffee, now there's a
personal divide
They're haulin' mayors off in handcuffs, cameras in
their face
While Congress stands there tremblin', too scared
to make their case

[Chorus]

I don't recognize this place anymore
The flag I love's not flying like before
Liberty's down, truth's been replaced
God help us all, I don't recognize this place

[Verse 2]

They're banning books in classrooms, truth they try
to hide
Saying who can serve or marry, who gets pushed
aside
The judges ain't impartial, the cops ain't keepin
peace
And kids grow up believing freedom's just a dream

[Chorus]

I don't recognize this place anymore
The flag I love's not flying like before
Liberty's down, truth's been replaced
God help us all, I don't recognize this place

[Verse 3]

Homemade signs, they're held up high,
You can feel the rising tide
Indivisible and 50501, marching side by side

Every protest getting louder,
every heart's getting' locked in place
We're peaceful but determined,
'cause we're fightin' for this place

[Verse 4]

From small towns to the cities,
the word is gettin' 'round
One voice turns into hundreds
when our boots start hittin' the ground
They thought we'd go quiet,
that we'd bow our heads in shame
But we're louder now than ever,
and we're callin' out their names

[Bridge]

This ain't about the left or right,
it's wrong against what's right
They pushed us to the edge,
now we're rising overnight
They broke their oath, betrayed our trust,
and lit this fire with fear
But we remember who we are,
and that's why we're standin' here

[Final Chorus]

I don't recognize this place anymore
But I see the ones worth fightin' for
Liberty's callin', truth's found its space
We're standin' strong, we're fighting for this place
We're fightin' for this place!

The Line We Swore

Lyrics and Music By Kevin Conner (KC N Kind)

[Verse 1]

I heard a story, from a sailor.
Said the water, went still and black.
Smoke was rising, off a hull line.
Shadows reaching, trying to come back.
Then a voice broke, through the static.
Cold as iron, on the floor.
Said "No survivors. Finish everything."
And every warning bell he had, shook him to the core.

[Pre-chorus]

He wasn't scared, of dying.
He feared what he'd become.
You lose your life, in seconds.
You lose your soul, in one.

[Chorus]

We don't kill, for cowards.
We don't break laws, on cue.
We swore to something, bigger.
We swore to the Constitution,
not a man telling us what to do.
Call us traitors, swing your sword.
Shout your rage, once more.
But we don't cross, that line we swore.
No, we don't cross, that line we swore.

[Verse 2]

Then six old hands, stepped forward.
Looked this nation, in the face.
Said "If the order, isn't lawful...
You stand firm, you hold your place."
Not rebellion. Not defiance.
Just the oath, troops all recall.
But a man in power, hated truth.
And called for them, to fall.

[Pre-chorus]

That's how freedoms, vanish.
Not with fire, in the street
But when one loud, voice demands
that the law, drops to his feet.

[Chorus]

We don't kill, for cowards.
We don't break laws, on cue.
We swore to something, bigger.
We swore to the Constitution,
not a man telling us what to do.
Call us traitors, swing your sword.
Shout your rage, once more.
But we don't cross, that line we swore.
No, we don't cross, that line we swore.

[Bridge]

I've read names, on markers.
Seen pages, torn before.
Every war crime, starts the same.
"Don't think. Don't ask. Close the door."
History buries, tyrants.
But it haunts, the ones who bent.
Never spares the soldier, who obeyed.
And later, deeply wept.

[Chorus]

We don't kill, for cowards.
We don't break laws, on cue.
A uniform ain't, a throne man.
And a title, don't make you true.
We swore to the Constitution,
not a man telling us what to do.
Threaten death, for truth we hold.
Roar like you're, waging war.
But we don't cross, that line we swore.
We hold the oath, you can't ignore.
We don't cross, that line.....we swore.

The Price We Pay

Lyrics and Music By Kevin Conner (KC N Kind)

[Verse 1] (Single Mother)

They cut my Medicaid in April
Now its pay for meds or rent
They say I should be grateful
For the crumbs the billionaires spent
My son's got asthma, coughin' blood
The ER turned us away
But the church gave him a flag to hug
And said, "We'll bow our heads and pray"

[Chorus]

We're the ones who cook your meals ,
We're the ones who breathe your dust
You don't see us on your screens ,
But you built this world on us
Every lie you legislate ,
Takes another soul away
While you feed the rich their feast ,
We live the price we pay

[Verse 2](Immigrant)

They took my brother in the raid
Now his kids sleep in my bed
We still pick your food by sunrise
Though you wish we'd starve instead
I send money back to Mama
So she eats down in Jalpa Bay
But my daughter hides in silence
Since the school cut ESL yesterday

[Chorus]

We're the hands that built your towns,
We're the backs that broke your stone
You cheer when they erase us,
While you sit behind your phone

Every lie you legislate,
Rips another life away
While you toast to "law and order",
We drown in the price we pay

[Bridge]

Trump said he'd bring back work
But all he brought was blame
Signed away our future
Then forgot our names

[Verse 3](Laid off Coal Miner)

I voted red, thought they heard me,
They gave me a hat, not a plan
Now my town's a ghost and my body's broke,
And my boy's just another "felon" man
They shut the mine, called it "progress",
Built a jail where I used to pray
And I sit on this porch at sundown,
Swearin' this ain't the American way

[Final Chorus]

We're the hearts you never hear,
We're the names you never say
You can steal the megaphone,
But not the truth we lay
Every lie you legislate,
Will echo past your day
You may hold the throne right now,
But we are the price you pay

[Outro]

And we're still here...
Still bleeding...
Still brave.

One Dead in Minnesota, Justice Is Coming!

Lyrics and Music By Kevin Conner (KC N Kind)

[Verse 1]

South side morning, sharp cold on your face
Red and blue flashing like it's just another case
A name on a candle, a photo taped to a pole
Renee Nicole Good, a life they stole
They came in loud like we're already guilty
Calling it "order" while the work gets filthy
And if you know that block, you know how it goes
When power panics, somebody goes down cold

[Pre-Chorus]

They want you still, they want you small
They want you scared every time they call
But we weren't raised to keep our heads down
Not in this town

[Chorus]

One dead in Minnesota, justice is coming
Say her name out loud, no more running
ICE at the door, boots on the neck
But we the people ain't broken yet
One dead in Minnesota, no more pretending
You can't hush a city that remembers
Hands up, heads high, feel that thumping
One dead in Minnesota, justice is coming

[Verse 2]

They slap a word on it, say it's all legit
Call her a threat while she's sitting still
Same old story, same smooth lie
"Nothing to see here," don't ask why
A strongman grin and a bloodless script
Cruelty dressed up as leadership
They tear this country like it owes them rent
But you can't seize a soul, you can't raid intent

[Pre-Chorus]

They want you alone, side-eyeing your street
They want your silence wrapped up neat
But we've seen this movie before

And we're not swallowing it anymore

[Chorus]

One dead in Minnesota, justice is coming
Say her name out loud, no more running
ICE at the door, boots on the neck
But we the people ain't broken yet
One dead in Minnesota, no more pretending
You can't hush a city that remembers
Hands up, heads high, feel that thumping
One dead in Minnesota, justice is coming

[Bridge]

How many names till it hits your street?
How many candles till it's your family?
How many times you gonna shake your head
Say "this is wrong" then go back to bed?
If this is freedom, why does it feel like fear?
If this is order, why's there blood right here?
At what point do you call this yours
And stand up for the country you swear is worth more?

[Breakdown Chant]

No more fear. No more "later."
No more bodies for a paper promise.
No more badges hiding murder.
Justice is coming. Justice is coming.

[Chorus]

One dead in Minnesota, justice is coming
Say her name out loud, no more running
ICE at the door, boots on the neck
But we the people ain't broken yet
One dead in Minnesota, no more pretending
You can't hush a city that remembers
Hands up, heads high, feel that thumping
One dead in Minnesota, justice is coming

[Outro]

Renee Nicole Good, we carry your name

Not as a headline, not as a game
To every badge, every desk, every lie on record
We saw it. We felt it. We won't forget it.

One dead in Minnesota, justice is coming
Justice is coming. Justice is coming.

Hands Ain't Clean(Minnesota Won't Bend)

Lyrics and Music By Kevin Conner (KC N Kind)

[Verse 1]

Renee Nicole Good had a morning to make
Dogs in the backseat, snow on the brake
Just trying to live, just trying to get home
Then a badge and a gun said you're not alone
Three shots in a heartbeat, cold through the glass
Tell me what kind of "safety" needs that kind of
blast
They called her a threat like it makes it alright
But this ain't America when they kill in broad
daylight

[Pre-Chorus]

[CALL – LEAD]

Say her name out loud, let it ring through the cold

[RESPONSE – CROWD]

Name out loud, let it ring through the cold
You can spin it for TV, but you can't un-make a soul

[Chorus]

Hands ain't clean, Not in Minnesota!
Not with Renee, not with Alex, not with the others
We're done with this shit, done with ICE on our
streets
This ain't America when the weak bleed on
concrete
Blood is still blood and we saw what we saw
Trump in the high seat, Miller with the matches
Noem with the smile while the whole thing catches

Hands ain't clean. No. Hands ain't clean.

[Verse 2]

Alex Pretti showed up with a healer's hands
An ICU heart in a street full of plans
Phone in the air, trying to help someone stand
Then pepper in his face and a gun in command
They say "he was armed", we saw the truth in the
video
Holding a phone, not a weapon, before the bullets
blow
Ten shots in the daylight while they're making their
lies
This ain't America when truth always dies

[Pre-Chorus]

One dead in Minnesota turned into two
And a line in the snow turned into a truth

[Chorus]

[CALL – CROWD]

Hands ain't clean

[RESPONSE – LEAD]

Not in Minnesota
Not with Renee, not with Alex, not with the others
We're done with this shit, done with ICE on our
streets
This ain't America when the weak bleed on
concrete

Blood is still blood and we saw what we saw

Trump in the high seat, Miller with the matches

Noem with the smile while the whole thing catches

[CALL – CROWD]

Hands ain't clean.

[Verse 3]

And it's not just the streets, it's the cages and calls

It's bodies in detention while the whole world stalls

Eight dead already this year and countin'

Families left with grief while their hearts are
poundin'

They call it "policy," we call it terror

You deport our neighbors and we feel the error

Homeland Security ripping seams in our land

This ain't America, not when they don't understand

[Bridge]

So listen, we are not helpless, we are not small

We are neighbors with backbone, we are the wall!

We've got grandmas with signs and vets who won't
kneel

We've got nurses and teachers who know what is
real

You want silence? You picked the wrong crowd

We do grief like thunder, we do love out loud

You can flood the streets, you can harden the line

But you can't deport the conscience of a people in
time

[Breakdown / Chant]

[CALL – CROWD]

Hands ain't clean

[RESPONSE – LEAD]

Say it again

[CALL – CROWD]

Hands ain't clean

[RESPONSE – LEAD]

Tell a friend

[CALL – CROWD]

Hands ain't clean

[RESPONSE – LEAD]

We don't fold

This ain't America, truth been sold

[Final Chorus]

[CALL – CROWD]

Hands ain't clean

[RESPONSE – LEAD]

Not in Minnesota

Not with Renee, not with Alex, not with the others!

We're done with this shit! Done with ICE on our
streets

This ain't America when the weak bleed on
concrete

You can wave that flag while you kick in the door

But we're still right here, and we're done being sore

Justice is coming! And we're bringing it in

[CALL – CROWD]

Hands ain't clean.

[RESPONSE – LEAD]

No. Hands ain't clean.

[Outro]

Renee Nicole Good, we carry your name

Alex Pretti, we carry your flame

Minnesota won't be silent, this fight ain't the end

We stand up. We lock arms.

We don't bend!!

The Reckoning Ain't Over

Lyrics and Music By Kevin Conner (KC N Kind)

[Verse 1]

He raised his hand, swore on the Book.
Then gutted the law just like a crook
Tore through families with ICE in the lead.
Turned court orders into shredded pleas
They dragged Kilmar out with chains on tight.
While the judge ordered STOP deep into the night
But Trump just smirked from his golden throne
As due process died, they've stripped it to the bone

[Pre-Chorus]

They said it was legal, they said it was just
But the truth turns to ash when there's no one to trust

Power like his don't ask permission
It builds an empire on broken conviction

[Chorus]

But the reckoning ain't over, not by far
We carry the names, like battle scars
From Kilmar Abrego, to the child with stage four
Torn from care, shoved out the door
And we won't forgive, and we won't forget
'Til justice roars, and the scales reset

[Verse 2]

American children, born on this land
Branded "invaders" by a fascist hand
One with leukemia, one just five
Thrown on buses, just barely alive
JD Vance stood proud in the rot
Claiming Christ while defending Trump's plot
Cabinet cowards, all robed in sin.
Signed off the raids with their evil grin

[Pre-Chorus]

This wasn't policy, this was revenge.
A holy war with no amends

They built their kingdom on grief and fear.
But truth will survive in the coming years

[Verse 3]

Then came Leo, in sandals worn
A shepherd of the broken, so ragged and torn.
Pope Leo the Fourteenth, his voice of grace.
Who called Trump's gospel a damn disgrace
He blessed the sick, the migrant, the poor
Said, "Christ's never caged at a nation's door"
From Peru to Rome, his witness grew
In every word, the mercy true

[Verse 4]

We showed up quiet, but we stayed loud
Stood on the side of the street, just folks and a crowd
No bullets, just flags, and signs in our hands
Saying, "This ain't your country to take from us man"
From 50501 to every town square
Indivisible's voices saying, "We're still here"
They'll try to divide us, but we'll hold tight
'Cause love don't scare easy, and truth don't fright

[Final Chorus]

The reckoning ain't over, but hope still stands
In the voice of the Pope and Trump's trembling hands.
That hold on tight to the better way
Where love's not a sin and truth don't stray
And we won't forgive, and we won't pretend '
Til justice sings and the darkness ends
'Til justice sings and the darkness ends

The Sound Of Nothin

Lyrics and Music By Kevin Conner (KC N Kind)

[Verse 1]

(Hum)

Mmmmmmmmmmm

Mmmmmmmmm

You didn't stand when they knelt on the man

Didn't flinch when they banned what your child
could understand

You clicked "like" but never raised a sign

Kept your head down while they re-wrote the line

You said "it's just politics," then turned the page

While they filled up the courts and locked up the
cage

You prayed for peace, but voted for fear

And now you wonder why the jackboots march here

[Chorus]

That's the sound of nothin

When you should've cried out

While the truth got handcuffed

And hope bled out

It's the silence of neighbors

The hush before war

It's the cost of inaction

We can't afford any more

[Verse 2]

I've seen this reel before - in grainy black and white

When the trains rolled east, and the churches
stayed quiet

Six million gone while the silence held

By the time they screamed, it was straight into hell

Now they drag kids half-naked in the dead of night

Rip 'em from their parents, zip-tied em tight

Deport 'em mid-chemo, mid-dialysis drip

Just a one-way ticket on a death-bound trip

And still you scroll.

And still you sigh.

Like none of this is yours - until it's your child's cry.

[Chorus]

That's the sound of nothin

While history repeats

When the law gets twisted

And justice retreats

But it's not too late

To fuck up that spell

Speak now, or be the silent

That welcomed in hell

[Bridge]

Say the names they tried to erase

Raise the fists they tried to replace

They jailed the nurse, they fired the brass

They vanished the truth and rewrote the past

They sent kids to die with IVs still in

Cold border nights, and unholy sin

If that don't move you, then what will?

Speak now - or you're part of this kill

[Verse 3]

They want a kingdom of cowards and kings

But we were born for so many better things

You still have breath - dammit, use your voice

'Cause silence is surrender all dressed up as choice

You don't need no pitchfork, don't need no gun

Just one clear word: "This shit is done."

Join the broken, the bold, the still-bleeding few

Who kept shoutin truth... when the rest of you flew

[Chorus – Final]

This is the sound of somethin

Rising from dust

Voices like thunder

Breaking the hush

From protest to ballot

From whisper to yell

We won't be the silence

That welcomed in hell

[Outro – Spoken or Whispered]

If your silence is all you bring...

Then you already chose him as king.

Still Here

Still Here (Hold The Line)

Lyrics and Music By Kevin Conner (KC N Kind)

[Verse 1]

I see the fear behind your eyes,
You're tired of all the breaking news - the lies.
The hunger, the headlines, the people in pain,
Feels like mercy was stomped out in the rain.
We've been shouted down, turned around,
Kicked in the gut by our own hometown.
But I'm not done, and neither are you,
There's still some work we got to do.

[Chorus]

So hold the line, man, don't let go,
We've come too far, we all know.
They can break our bones, but not our song,
We've been right all along.
Yeah, they'll try to make us disappear,
But we're still here... we're still here.

[Verse 2]

They're using hunger like a chain,
Turning our silence into pain.
They call it order, but we know it's just fear,
It's cruelty dressed up sincere.
And I get it - some days I'd hide,
Just crawl away and close my eyes.
But then I hear the echoes call, Of those who gave
their all.

[Chorus]

So hold the line, don't let go,
We've come too far, we all know.
They can break our bones, but not our song,
We've been right all along.
Yeah, they'll try to make us disappear,
But we're still here... we're still here.

[Bridge]

From bridge brigades to street protests
From homes torn up in ICE arrests
We've seen the dark, we've tasted fear
But truth survives, 'cause we're still here

[Final Chorus]

So hold the line, my brother, my sister, my friend,
This story ain't over, this ain't the end.
Raise your voice, make 'em hear,
We're still here... yeah, we're still here.

[Outro]

For every soul too tired to fight,
For every heart still burning bright,
They can call it chaos, say it's wrong...
But it's the people like us who carry the song.
(softly)
We're still here...We're still here...We're still here...

Still Standing

Lyrics and Music By Kevin Conner (KC N Kind)

[Verse 1]

They told me wait it out, the storm will pass
But the weight I carried felt built to last
In the silence, I nearly gave in
Till a stubborn spark said, "fight again"

Oooooooooo

Oooooooooo

Oooooooooo

[Chorus]

I'm still standing, I'm still strong

The road is hard but I belong
Every scar has made me tough
I won't give in, I won't give up

[Verse 2]

I've been broken, bent and bruised
Lost the battles I thought I'd lose
But each time I rise, I learn this truth
Strength is forged when life tests you

[Chorus]

I'm still standing, I'm still strong
The road is hard but I belong
Every scar has made me tough
I won't give in, I won't give up

[Verse 3]

To the worker worn from a thankless fight
To the mother praying through the night
To the dreamer told they'll never win
Stand back up and rise again

[Bridge]

We all face nights that steal our breath
We all hear whispers calling for rest
But hope is louder, it pulls us through
And if I can stand, so can you

[Final Chorus]

We're still standing, we're still strong
The road is hard but we belong
Every scar has made us tough
We won't give in, we won't give up
We're still standing
We're still strong
We're still standing

[Outro]

Still here... still strong!
Ooooooooo

Voices In The Storm

Lyrics and Music By Kevin Conner (KC N Kind)

[Verse 1]

There's a chill in the corridors of power,
Where golden deals and shadows tower,
A man returns with orders cold and stark,
While the people's hearts light up the dark.
They whisper secrets in the halls of might
Shifting funds and freedoms out of sight.

[Chorus]

But we are the voices in the storm,
Rising up where truth is born.
We won't be silenced, we won't be sold
In the struggle for justice, brave and bold.
Raise your hands, and sing along,
For democracy, we carry on.

[Verse 2]

In a maze of locked and battered doors,

They raid the treasury and private stores,
Musk's eyes roaming where secrets lie,
As aid and learning slowly die.
They tear apart our trusted halls
From schools and health to freedom's calls.

[Chorus]

But we are the voices in the storm,
Rising up where truth is born.
We won't be silenced, we won't be sold
In the struggle for justice, brave and bold.
Raise your hands, and sing along,
For democracy, we carry on.

[Verse 3]

The public good is cast aside,
For four trillion dollars on the wealthy's ride,
Research for our children, cures to mend

All traded off for a tax break's end.
And in the White House, a new decree
Faith over reason, a twisted plea.

[Bridge]

Remember the songs that sparked the light,
From Seeger's strum to Dylan's fight,
When voices joined to mend what's torn,
A new day rises with every morn.
Stand together, let no fear divide
In unity, our strength will never hide.

[Chorus]

Yes, we are the voices in the storm,
Rising up where truth is born.
No tyrant's order can chain our song
Together in freedom, we all belong.

Raise your hands and sing it strong,
For democracy, we carry on.

[Verse 4]

Now listen close, all hearts awake,
For every lie they twist and break,
We fight with words, with song, with soul

[Chorus]

We are the voices in the storm,
Unyielding, steadfast, and transformed.
No tyrant's order can chain our song
Together in freedom, we all belong.
Raise your hands and sing it strong,
For democracy, we carry on.
We carry on

Never Kiss The Ring

Lyrics and Music By Kevin Conner (KC N Kind)

[Verse 1]

They came with his lies, spreading fear and deceit,
Turning truth into fire, on Jan 6th, took to the streets.

They wear his crowns of chaos, his banners of shame,

But we won't play their game, no, we won't play their game.

[Pre-Chorus]

They think we'll bow down, let them take control,
But we see through the darkness, we won't sell our soul.

They're building an empire, built on broken dreams,
But we stand united, not torn at the seams.

[Chorus]

I will NEVER kiss the ring,
I won't bow to the chaos that they bring.

No more lies, no more deceit,

I won't kneel, I won't retreat.

Trump will NEVER be a King,

I won't wear their chains or wear their sting.

I'll stand tall, I'll fight for what's right,

I will NEVER kiss the ring, alright.

[Verse 2]

They tear down the walls, divide the land,
A nation of freedoms slipping through our hands.

They'll call it patriotism, but it's just a disguise,
To silence the truth, and corrupt our eyes.

[Pre-Chorus]

They think we'll fall in line, and blindly follow them,
But we know their game, and we'll never bend.
They'll feed us their hatred, feed us their greed,
But we won't be the fuel for their hateful creed.

[Chorus]

I will NEVER kiss the ring,
 I won't bow to the chaos that they bring.
 No more lies, no more deceit,
 I won't kneel, I won't retreat.
 Trump will NEVER be a King,
 I won't wear their chains or wear their sting.
 I'll stand tall, I'll fight for what's right,
 I will NEVER kiss the ring, alright.

[Bridge]

We won't be their servants, we won't be their tools,
 We won't let them rewrite all the golden rules.
 They want us divided, they want us weak,
 But we'll rise as one, and never retreat.

[Breakdown]

No, we won't kiss the ring,
 We won't bow down, we won't be the same.
 We'll tear down their lies, and stand in the flame,
 We won't be controlled by their evil games.

[Chorus] (Reprise)

I will NEVER kiss the ring,
 I won't bow to the chaos that they bring.
 No more lies, no more deceit,
 I won't kneel, I won't retreat.
 Trump will NEVER be a King,
 I won't wear their chains or wear their sting.
 I'll stand tall, I'll fight for what's right,
 I will NEVER kiss the ring, alright.

All Walks, One Voice

Lyrics and Music By Kevin Conner (KC N Kind)

All Walks, one voice...

[Verse 1]

From the fields of Ohio to the Brooklyn streets,
 To the marchers in Memphis standing on their feet.
 In small town cafés and union halls,
 We hear freedom echo through every call.

[Verse 2]

Booker held the floor with a voice like flame,
 AOC filled streets when she spoke our name.
 Bernie marched with millions who dared to care,
 Taylor stood tall, no matter who stared.
 Springsteen sang truth to a global crowd,
 His voice still thunderous, fearless, and loud.
 Indivisible sparked a nation's rise,
 Everytown, MoveOn lit up the skies.
 (From 50501 to the neighbor next door,)
 (We're the choir of change, not backing down
 anymore.)

[Pre-Chorus]

From teachers to truckers, nurses to vets,
 We carry this country, no time for regrets.
 We don't bow to power, don't answer to fear,
 We're louder together, our message is clear!

[Chorus]

All walks, one voice, rising like a storm,
 Hands held high through the fire, demanding
 reform.
 We sing for the dream, we march for the choice,
 We are the people, all walks, one voice.

[Verse 3]

But ICE rips children from hospital beds,
 (ICE rips children...)
 While freedom is dying in CECOT's threads.
 They shred our due process, they silence our plea,
 They erase the writ that keeps us free.
 From Kilmar's cage to the courtroom's void,

They weaponize fear to keep hope destroyed.
Yet the people rise, hearts full and fierce,
With every injustice, our chorus appears.

[Bridge]

There's a mother who's crying for her child's rights,
A soldier who knows what it means to fight.
A student who votes like their life's on the line,
We're holding the line, together this time.
For the child with cancer deported at dawn,
For Kilmar and hundreds whose hope is now gone.
For every voice they try to erase...
We rise as one, 'cause we won't be replaced.
For the elder whose meds cost more than their
rent,
While the billionaires cheer where their tax break
went.

For the grandma who worked her whole damn life...
We're singing for her, and we're ready to fight.

[Final Chorus]

All walks, one voice, rising like a storm,
Hands held high through the fire, demanding
reform.
We sing for the dream, we march for the choice,
We are the people, all walks, one voice.
One voice for justice, one voice for truth,
One voice for elders, for kids, for our youth.
We are the chorus they can't silence or buy,
All walks, one voice, lifting up to the sky.

[Outro]

All walks... one voice...

In Unity We Stand

Lyrics and Music By Kevin Conner (KC N Kind)

[Verse 1]

From the old red barn to the city streets,
Folks gather 'round with wary beats.
Voices tremble, hearts so strong,
In unity we find where we belong.

[Verse 2]

Neighbors join hands, standing tall,
In every corner, responding to the call.
The winds of change blow fierce, and wild,
But we're steadfast, hearts unbeguiled.

[Chorus]

We'll build a world, together we stand,
Raising hope with our own two hands.
Through stormy times, and skies of gray,
We find our strength in Unity today.

[Verse 3]

Fear may rise, but we won't fall,
Together, we've found our all.
In every face, a story told,
In these dark times, our spirits bold.

[Bridge]

Beyond the fear, beyond the divide,
We look to each other, side by side.
The road is long, the path unclear,
But with each step, we shed the fear.

[Chorus]

We'll build a world, together we stand,
Raising hope with our own two hands.
Through stormy times and skies of gray,
We find our strength in Unity today.

[Bridge]

Beyond the fear, beyond the divide,
We look to each other, side by side.
The road is long, the path unclear,
But with each step, we shed the fear.

[Final Chorus]

We'll build a world, together we stand,
Raising hope with our own two hands.
Through stormy times and skies of gray,
We find our strength in Unity today