

### **The Lake Isle**

I will arise and go now, and go to Innisfree,  
And a small cabin build there, of clay and wattles made:  
Nine bean-rows will I have there, a hive for the honey-bee,  
And live alone in the bee-loud glade.

I will arise and go now, for always night and day  
I hear lake water lapping with low sounds by the shore;  
While I stand on the roadway, or on the pavements grey,  
I hear it in the deep heart's core.

### **Ambe**

Ambe, ambe Anishinaabeg  
Biindigeg Anishinaabeg  
Mino-bimaadiziwin omaa  
Ambe!

Come in two-legged beings  
come in all people  
There is good life here  
Come in!

### **Joy**

I am wild, I will sing to the trees,  
I will sing to the stars in the sky,  
I love, I am loved, he is mine,  
Now at last I can die!  
I am sandaled with wind and with flame,  
I have heart-fire and singing to give,  
I can tread on the grass or the stars,  
Now at last I can live!

## **The Lavender Song**

Narrator: “Picture yourself sitting in a smoky lounge, at a small table, waiting for the entertainment to start. The year is 1920 and the city is Berlin.

A lonely spotlight shines on the small stage at the Schall und Rauch, a literary-political cabaret known for its outspoken view.

A man dressed in a lavender suit sashays onto the stage. He will sing for you a song that, until now, has not been heard before. He will sing a song that you have been waiting for and that you won't soon forget.

He will sing a song that became the first “gay anthem” for the emerging homosexual rights movement, “The Lavender Song”

Tenors: What makes them think  
They have the right  
To say what God considers vice

Altos: What makes them think  
They have the right  
To keep us out of Paradise

Bass: They make our lives  
Hell here on earth  
Poisoning us with guilt and shame

Soprano: If we resist  
Prison awaits  
So our love dares not speak its name  
The crime is when love must hide  
From now on we'll love with pride

We're not afraid  
To be queer and diff'rent

If that means hell  
Then hell we'll take the chance

They're all so straight, uptight, upright, and rigid  
They march in lockstep  
We prefer to dance

We see a world of romance and of pleasure  
All they can see is sheer banality

Lavender nights  
Are our greatest treasure  
Where we can be just who we want to be

Round us all up  
Send us away  
That what you'd really like to do  
But we're too strong  
Proud unafraid  
In fact, we almost pity you

You act from fear  
Why would that be  
What is it that you are frightened of

The way that we dress  
The way that we meet  
The fact that you cannot destroy our love

We're going to win our rights  
To lavender days and nights

We're not afraid to be queer and different  
If that means hell, then hell

We'll take the chance  
They're all so straight, uptight, upright, and rigid  
March in lockstep  
We prefer to dance

We see a world of romance and of pleasure  
All they can see is sheer banality  
Lavender nights  
Are our greatest treasure  
Where we can be just who we want to be  
Lavender nights are our greatest treasure  
Where we can be just who we want  
Just who we want  
To be

### **We Stand On Their Shoulders**

Broken and weary, but spirits held high,  
Their march toward freedom led them to cry,  
“We have a dream of a people set free  
The broken made whole, as we're meant to be!”  
Their courage has testified, showing us all—  
We stand on their shoulders, and issue our call:

Our name is Pride  
We are Diversity  
Our name is Strength  
We are Unity  
No one gets to say who we are  
No one gets to make us hide  
We decide what power we have  
Our name is Pride

Our brothers and sisters have struggled long  
To lift up their voices, in protest and song.  
So many came forward and into the light,  
Guiding our way toward justice and right.

Their courage has testified, calling us all  
To stand on their shoulders, stand strong and stand tall!

Our name is Pride  
We are Diversity  
Our name is Strength  
We are Unity  
No one gets to say who we are  
No longer can they stem the tide  
We decide what power we have  
Our name is Pride

### **Everybody Says Don't**

Everybody says don't,  
Everybody says don't,  
Everybody says don't-  
It isn't right,  
Don't-it isn't nice!

Everybody says don't,  
Everybody says don't,  
Everybody says don't walk on the grass,  
Don't disturb the peace,  
Don't skate on the ice.

Well, I  
Say  
Do,  
I say,  
Walk on the grass, it was meant to feel!  
I  
Say  
Sail!  
Tilt at the windmill,  
And if you fail, you fail.

Everybody says don't,

Everybody says don't,  
Everybody says don't get out of line.  
When they say that, then  
~~Lady~~ Maybe that's a sign:  
Nine times out of ten,  
~~Lady~~ Maybe, you are doing just fine!

Make just a ripple.  
Come on be brave.  
This time a ripple,  
Next time a wave

Sometimes you have to start small,  
Climbing the tiniest wall,  
Maybe you're going to fall-  
But it is better than not starting at all!

Everybody says no,  
Everybody says stop.  
Everybody says mustn't rock the boat,  
Mustn't touch a thing!

Everybody says don't,  
Everybody says wait,  
Everybody says can't fight city hall,  
Can't upset the cart,  
Can't laugh at the king!

Well, I Say Try!  
I Say Laugh at the kings or they'll make you cry.  
Lose Your Poise!  
Fall if you have to,  
But ~~lady~~ maybe, make a noise!

Everybody says don't,  
Everybody says can't,  
Everybody says wait around for miracles,  
That's the way the world is made!

I insist on  
Miracles, if you do them,  
Miracles - nothing to them!  
I say don't,  
Don't be afraid!

### **All Good People**

There are dogs in the yard, howling at the moon  
There are sinners like me, our judgment's coming soon  
And I stand at the bottom of this dark and lonely well  
Saying, "Please give me answers, so I might escape hell"

I watched from my window as they gunned down unarmed men  
Tried to say it's not my problem, it couldn't happen to my friends  
But the truth is they're my brothers, and they're my countrymen  
And if we lose our better angels, we won't get them back again

Come on and raise your voice above the raging seas  
We can't hold our breath forever  
When our brothers cannot breathe

Come on and raise your voice above the raging seas  
We can't hold our breath forever  
When our sisters cannot breathe

All good people, won't you come around?  
Won't you come around?  
Defend your brothers

Oh, oh  
Oh, oh  
Our brothers cannot breathe

Oh, oh  
Oh, oh  
Our sisters cannot breathe

All good people, won't you come around?  
Won't you come around?  
Won't you come around?  
All good people, won't you come around?  
Won't you come around?  
Defend your brothers

All good people, won't you come around?  
Won't you come around?  
Won't you come around? (Yeah)  
All good people, won't you come around?  
Won't you come around?  
Hold up each other

All good people, won't you come around?  
Won't you come around?  
Won't you come around?  
All good people, won't you come around?  
Won't you come around?  
Defend your brothers

All good people, won't you come around?  
Won't you come around?  
Won't you come around? (Won't you come around?)  
All good people, won't you come around?  
Won't you come around?  
Hold up each other

**MLK**

Sleep  
Sleep tonight  
And may your dreams  
Be realized  
If the thundercloud  
Passes rain  
So let it rain



Rain down on him

Mmm

So let it be

Mmm

So let it be

Sleep

Sleep tonight

And may your dreams

Be realized

If the thundercloud

Passes rain

So let it rain

Let it rain

Rain on him

### **This River**

This River that runs through my life

Will never be uncrossable

This river that washes the shores from sea to sea

This river that calls my name

On both shores just the same,

This river shall never be uncrossable for me

This river that runs through my life is a lifeline for me

This river that runs through my life is where I'll always be

This river shall never be uncrossable for me

These shores on which I stand apart

Shall never be unreachable

These shores that give me back my heart and bind my future sure

Shall never divide my life

Nor keep me from thee above

This river shall never be uncrossable for me

### **Somewhere Over the Rainbow**

Somewhere over the rainbow Way up high  
There's a land that I heard of Once in a lullaby  
Somewhere over the rainbow Skies are blue  
And the dreams that you dare to dream  
Really do come true  
Someday I'll wish upon a star  
And wake up where the clouds are far behind me  
Where troubles melt like lemon drops  
Hi above the chimney tops That's where you'll find me  
Somewhere over the rainbow Bluebirds fly  
Birds fly over the rainbow Why then, oh, why can't I?

### **Walking on Sunshine**

I used to think maybe you loved me,  
now, baby, I'm sure  
And I just can't wait 'til the day  
when you knock on my door.  
Now every time I go for the mailbox,  
gotta hold myself down  
'Cause I just can't wait  
'til you write me you're coming around

I'm walking on sunshine, whoa  
And don't it feel good?

I used to think maybe you loved me,  
now I know that it's true  
And I don't want to spend my whole life  
just a-waiting for you  
Now, I don't want you back for the weekend, not back for a day, no, no, no  
I said, "Baby, I just want you back,  
and I want you to stay"

I'm walking on sunshine, whoa!

I feel alive, I feel the love,  
I feel the love that's really real!

### **We Shall Not Be Moved**

We shall not, we shall not be moved.  
Just like a tree that's planted by the water,  
We shall not be moved.  
We're fighting for our future  
We shall not be moved.  
We're young and old together  
We shall not be moved.  
The whole world is watching  
We shall not be moved.

### **How Can I Keep From Singing?**

My life goes on in endless song  
Above earth's lamentations,  
I hear the real, though far-off hymn  
That hails a new creation.

Through all the tumult and the strife  
I hear its music ringing,  
It sounds an echo in my soul.  
How can I keep from singing?  
What though the tempest loudly roars,  
I hear the truth, it liveth.  
And though the darkness 'round me close,  
Songs in the night, it's giving.

No storm can shake my inmost calm,  
While to that rock I'm clinging.  
Since I believe that love abides  
How can I keep from singing?

When tyrants tremble in their fear  
And hear their death knell ringing,  
When friends rejoice both far and near

How can I keep from singing?

In prison cell and dungeon dark  
Our thoughts to them are winging,  
When friends hold courage in their hearts  
How can I keep from singing?

No storm can shake my inmost calm,  
While to that rock I'm clinging.  
Since I believe that love abides  
How can I keep from singing?

### **Look Out Above**

We can't be stopped  
they can't catch us  
just like midnight on the clock:  
it's all hands up—  
before tick goes toc,  
it's just the dust we kick up, so  
look out, look out, look out  
look out above  
cause we're coming up  
look about above  
there's no stopping us  
We can't be stopped....

### **The Road Home**

Ooo-ooo-ooo-ooo  
Ooo-ooo-ooo-ooo-ooo  
Tell me, where is the road  
I can call my own  
That I left, that I lost  
So long ago?

All these years I have wandered  
Oh, when will I know  
There's a way, there's a road

That will lead me home

Ooo-ooo-ooo-ooo

Ooo-ooo-ooo-ooo-ooo

After wind, after rain

When the dark is done

As I wake from a dream

In the gold of day

Through the air there's a calling

From far away

There's a voice I can hear

That will lead me home

Ooo-ooo-ooo-ooo

Ooo-ooo-ooo-ooo-ooo

Rise up, follow me

Come away, is the call

With the love in your heart

As the only song

There is no such beauty

As where you belong

Rise up, follow me

I will lead you home

Ooo-ooo-ooo-ooo

Ooo-ooo-ooo-ooo-ooo

### **When Dreams Take Flight**

What dreams we have and how they fly

Like rosy clouds across the sky;

Of wealth, of fame, of sure success,

Of love that comes to cheer and bless;

And how they wither, how they fade,

The waning wealth, the jilting jade —

The fame that for a moment gleams,

Then flies forever, —dreams, ah —dreams!

O burning doubt and long regret  
O tears with which our eyes are wet,  
Heart-throbs, heart-aches, the glut of pain,  
The somber cloud, the bitter rain,  
You were not of those dreams — ah! well,  
Your full fruition who can tell?  
Wealth, fame, and love, ah! love that beams  
Upon our souls, all dreams — ah! dreams.

### **We Are the Voices**

In every heart there is a place,  
A place that shows us who we are;  
In every heart there is a place that finally I can see.

If I hear my heart, I will know it's true,  
If I listen when it calls  
In every heart there is a place that finally I can see.

Look around and you will see it.  
The time has come for you to see.

We are the voices,  
and we will be heard  
Finding a voice that will free us.  
We are the voices,  
and we will be heard

As we finally see who we are.  
Only what we feel,  
There is only one way we can be,  
And that is standing up for who we are inside.  
We stand up tall so we can feel the unity of who we are inside.  
We feel a way to see who we are.

I know who I am.  
I am breathing the fire of my soul.  
I am breathing who I am inside.

I can feel the fire in my soul

Look around and you will see it.

The time has come for you to see