

**RAISED VOICES
London Street Choir**

MARCH FOR PALESTINE

15 & 22 May 2021

1. WHERE IS JUSTICE? (starts A)

(Sing from the start in two parts)

(Call) Where is justice?

(Response)

Where is justice?

For the love of humankind

Peace with justice for Palestine.

(Call) Where is freedom?

(Response)

Where is freedom?

On their children let it shine

Land and freedom for Palestine.

(Repeat these two verses)

2. A LUTA CONTINUA (starts E)

(The struggle carries on)

Chorus: Ay ay ay ay (x 4)

Ay ay ay oh, Ay ay ay ay, A luta continua

(Then sing each verse twice, first quietly, then louder)

1 Bring them peace and justice now x 3

Oh a luta continua *(sing twice)* *(Chorus)*

2 For a state of Palestine x 3

Oh a luta continua *(sing twice)* *(Chorus)*

3 We'll go on until we win x 3

Oh a luta continua *(sing twice)*

(End with Chorus twice in harmony, first quiet then loud)

3. BAMBA-LE-LA (Never Give Up) (G)

(Call) Sizo bamba-le-la, Oh

(Tune) Bamba-le-la, bamba-le-la

Oh, bamba-le-la, bamba-le-la,

Bamba, bamba, bamba, bamba

Bamba, oo-oooh, bamba

Bamba-le-la. *(Repeat verse)*

(Call) You must never give up – Oh

(Tune) Never give up, never give up,

Oh, never give up, never give up,

Never, never, never, never

Never, oo-oooh, never

Never give up. *(x 2, then repeat verse 1)*

4. I SING FOR PALESTINE (starts C)

(Sing verse 1 in unison.

Repeat verse 1 with harmonies)

I sing for Palestine

The nightmare and the crime

The world has blood

Upon its hands

The blood of Palestine

(Sing verse 2 with harmonies:)

I dream of Palestine

Her future in a time

When Israel's debt

Has been redeemed

I dream of Palestine

5. FREE PALESTINE (starts C)

(Each phrase once as Call, 8 times as Response)

1 Free Palestine...

2 What have they done?...

3 Take down the wall...

4. Stop seizing land!

5. Free Gaza now...

6. Free Palestine....

6. VINE AND THE FIG TREE (G# to C#)

(Sing once in unison, repeat twice adding Tenor, then Soprano parts)

And everyone 'neath the vine and fig tree

Shall live in peace and unafraid (x 2)

Into ploughshares beat their swords

Nations shall make war no more (x 2)

7. PEOPLE OF PALESTINE (starts A)

Oh where are you now – People of Palestine?

Where are you now, oh where can you be?

Pursued over borders so far from our homeland

Forced over the borders or into the sea.

Oh where are your villages, People of Palestine?

Where are your villages, where can they be?

Flattened by bulldozers, covered in concrete

Gone from our heritage, ne'er to be seen.

O where are your olive groves, People of Palestine

Where are your peach trees, where can they be?

Supplanted by forestry, playgrounds and car parks

Haunted by ghosts in a forgotten dream.

And what of your homeland, People of Palestine?

What of your homeland? Come tell it to me.

Bombarded by missiles, lit up by bright phosphorous,

Walled in and cut off, ne'er to be free.

And what of your future, People of Palestine?

What of your future, what may that be?

Oh that's the wrong question while others betray us

- That's the wrong question as you plainly see.

8. BELLA CIAO (starts A)

Oh we are singing, for Palestinians,
Oh bella, ciao bella, ciao bella, ciao, ciao, ciao
To right the wrongs, restore their future
We want a resolution now.

Oh we are singing, to call on Israel,
Oh bella, ciao bella, ciao bella, ciao, ciao, ciao
To stop the settlement, give back the orchards,
And end the Occupation now.

Oh we are singing, for peace and freedom,
Oh bella, ciao bella, ciao bella, ciao, ciao, ciao
Stop the violence, release the prisoners,
No more blockade and no more Wall.

Oh we are singing, for peace and justice,
Oh bella, ciao bella, ciao bella, ciao, ciao, ciao
A state of Palestine, for all its people,
Renew negotiations now.

9. PEACE, SALAAM, SHALOM (starts F#)

(First phrase once in unison. Then start again singing from 1 to 4, as a two-part round, repeat 1 & 2 at end)

- 1 Peace, salaam, shalom (x 4)
- 2 Peace for Palestine (x 4)
- 3 We believe in peace (x 4)
- 4 We will work for peace (x4)

10. A HEAVY LOAD (starts C)

Call: Unzima lomthwalo, ufuna madoda (x2)

Chorus: [A] Heavy load, a heavy load,
And it will take some real strength (x 2)

1 We are the People of Palestine
And it's for freedom that we're fighting (x 2) *(Cho.)*

2 Six thousand held in Israeli prisons,
We won't bow down to this tyranny (x 2) *(Chorus)*

3 It's fifty years now of Occupation,
Bring the Wall down, and set us free (x 2) *Chorus)*

4 A resolution, create a state now,
And justice clear for all to se-ee (x 2) *(Chorus)*

11. SIYA HAMBA (starts D)

1 Siya hamb' ekameni lokolo (x 4) (lokolo)
Siya hamba, hamba (x 2)
Siya hamb'ekameni lokolo.

2 We are singing in the name of peace x 4
We are singing, singing...

3 Anu tzo-adeem likrat shalom x 4
An tzo-adeem, tzo-adeem...

4 Nasseeru min adjli al salaam x 4
Nasseeru, nasseeru ...

5 Caminando a lograr la paz x 4 Caminando...

12. BOYCOTT SONG (starts A)

To help the people of Palestine
We won't buy grapefruit or Israeli wine
And if you're wondering what you can do:
Please join the boycott, and help them too!

Chorus: (And we say) Don't buy dates,
(And we say) Don't buy Jaffa fruit
Don't buy Israeli wine
There's a boycott going on!
There's a boycott going on.

Their land's been taken and occupied
Their houses bulldozed and farms destroyed
The Western powers send arms with glee
While Israel acts with impunity. *(Chorus)*

Check sweet potatoes, avocados too
If they're from Israel you know what to do.
Please read the bar codes, those little lines,
Things made in Israel, start 7 2 9. *(Chorus)*

Apartheid's ugly by any name
Help us show Israel this way's insane.
You have the power each time you shop
Israel's apartheid has got to stop. *(Chorus)*

Tell all your neighbours 'please don't be shy'
Read all the labels before you buy
If it says Israel, don't hesitate
Don't put apartheid upon your plate. *(Chorus)*

13. WALL AROUND JERICHO (starts Eb)

Chorus:
Israel built a wall around Jericho,
Bethlehem, Jerusalem,
Israel built a wall around Jericho,
But that wall will come tumbling down.

Let me tell you 'bout the wall of terror,
It's a hundred mi-i-les wide,
It's a pri-i-son wall around Palestine
For the villages trapped inside. *(Chorus)*

They may tell you it's about security
Well it brings no safety there,
That wall of occupation means
Starvation and despair. *(Chorus)*

The wall is a symbol of apartheid
It is theft on ev-e-ry hand
The orchards and the olive groves,
The water and the fertile land. *(Chorus)*

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