

**RAISED VOICES**  
**London Street Choir**  
**STOP ARMING ISRAEL**

**12 June 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

1 Bring them peace and justice now x 3  
Oh a luta continua *(sing twice)*

2 For a state of Palestine x 3  
Oh a luta continua *(sing twice)*

3 We'll go on until we win x 3  
Oh a luta continua *(sing twice)*

*(End with Chorus twice in harmony)*

**3. 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

**4. 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-oo, 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-oo, never  
Never give up. *(x 2, then repeat verse 1)*

**5. FREE PALESTINE (starts C)**

*(Each phrase 4 times as Call, 8 times as Response)*

- 1 Free Palestine...
- 2 Take down the wall...
- 3 Stop seizing land!
- 4 Free Gaza now...
- 5 Free Palestine....

**6. NOT IN MY NAME (starts D)**

*Words & music Mal Finch, adapted by John Hamilton*

We can see the forces gathering like so many times before  
“Working for peace” they say, preparing for war  
They are claiming to be standing for democracy  
But their voices would be silenced if democracy could speak:

*Chorus*  
You're not doing it in my name (x8)

They shout about the “terrorists” and try to shift the blame  
From the international arms trade and the profits to be made  
And as night falls back in Gaza, another twenty die  
If humanity could speak, well, humanity would cry:  
*Chorus*

Politicians from their pedestals will talk of bravery  
For “noble” and “heroic”, read “self-interest” and “greed”  
They're the champions of order, of that they have no doubt  
But if human rights could speak, I tell you, human rights  
would shout:  
*Chorus*

**7. BLOOD MONEY (starts E) Camilla Cancantata**

Blood money, blood money, End the trade in murder  
No more profits from war crimes  
No more profits from war.

**8. NO MORE WAR (starts C) Camilla Cancantata**

No more, no more, no more war no more (x 2)  
No more, no more war, no war no more  
We dissent, we dissent, we dissent  
From the violence and hate of the military state

## 9. 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)

## 10. 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.

## 11. 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)

## 12. A HEAVY LOAD (starts C)

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

*Chorus (call starts ½ bar before response; response starts on "Heavy..."):*

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

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)*

## 13. 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! *(Repeat chorus)*  
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 as above)*

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)*

## 14. 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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