

We Will Sing Wisconsin's Song

Melody: *Do You Hear the People Sing?* from *Les Miserables*

Lyrics: Sheila Plotkin for the Raging Grannies of Madison and Dane County

NOTE: March tempo; start singing medium quiet and gradually increase volume. A Granny in the back row waves a Wisconsin flag during the final stanza; get the flag from Kathy if needed.

We will **sing** Wisconsin's **song**; It has a **message** all should **hear**
It is a **song** of proud **resistance**, there's no **trace** of doubt or **fear**
Oh-ligarchs are now in **charge**, and they want **power** at any **cost**
Democracy is at great **risk**, but it is **not lost!** [Key change down]

Will you **raise** your voices **now**?
Will you speak **out** for freedom's **sake**?
We **need** to join our **hands**, there is so **very** much at **stake**
Be **strong** in the **face** of oppression
That's **what** it will **take!** [Key change up]

Let us **sing** Wisconsin's **song**, sharing the **message** all should **hear**
Po-e-try in freedom's **honor**; freedom **is** what we hold **dear**
Make the **fascists** hear your **voice**: democracy is not for **sale**
Tell them **you're** the guardrail **now**, and you **will not fail.** [Key change down]

We will **work** for our **ideals**
Despite the **pressure** to **retreat**
Knowing **that** the threat is **real**, we will not **lie** down in **defeat**
Our **message** will **echo** in **chambers**
And **out** on the **street!** [Key change up]

No **surrender** in our **song**, that is our **message** to the **coup**
Grannies are **free** and **standing strong**. It's **clear** to see that **you are too.**
Together, we can win the **fight**, gum up the **gears** of this chainsaw
We can **restore** our **precious rights** and the **rule** of law.

[Slowly, watching director]:
Re-store our **precious rights** // and the **rule of law!**