

No Nay Never

Tune: *The Wild Rover* (Irish folk song)

Lyrics: Sheila Plotkin, Raging Grannies of Madison and Dane County

Inspired by tune suggested by Kathleen McQuade & the words of Martin Niemoller (1892-1984)

CHORUS: And it's **no, nay, never** [*clap 4 times*]
No nay **never** no more
Will I **keep** my voice **quiet** / As I've **done** before!

They **came** for the **teachers**, the **unions**, the **schools**
And I turned my **back** thinking that **they** were just fools
They **came** for pure **water**, state **parks**, and clean air
And I **told** myself **that** this won't **go** anywhere!

CHORUS

They **came** for the **migrants**, took **babies** away
It **wasn't** my **baby**, I **wasn't** their prey
They **came** for the **women**, **abortion** rights gone
But that's **not** my concern since my **childbearing's** done!

CHORUS

They **came** for black **marchers** with **tear** gas and mace
But when I **look** in the **mirror** I **see** a white face
They **said** the **election** was **stolen** / they lied!
But my **candidate won**, so I **stayed** on the side!

CHORUS

Now **democracy's threatened**, they **won't** count my vote
I **feel** my voice **rising**, a **lump** in my throat
Now I am the **target**, why **couldn't** I see?
This **one** thing was **sure**, they'd be **coming** for me ...

FINAL CHORUS [*watch director; note, last 4 words differ from other choruses*]:

And it's **no, nay, never** [*clap 4 times*]
No nay **never** no more
Will I **keep** my voice **quiet** / **No, Never, No More!!**