

Defend Democracy

Tunes: “99 Bottles of Beer” (stanzas); “Bring Back My Bonnie to Me” (last 2 lines)

Lyrics: Rebecca Alwin, Raging Grannies of Madison and Dane County

Pronunciation note: “Checks ‘n’” rhymes with “Texan” (Line 2, Stanza 3)

We are here to **stand up** / **for** democracy
 The **rule** of law is **needed** / to **keep** our country free ↓
Trump is **breaking many** laws **with** impunity
 Musk **destroyed agencies with** a **callous** glee ↑

Tariffs raising **prices** is a **strain** for you and me
 This **strong** man rule is **not** so **good** for **the economy** ↓
People are being **deported** with no **process** guarantee
 Our **rights** are being **trampled** / **oh** so carelessly ↑

Republicans enable this **destructive** wrecking spree
Checks ‘n **balances** are **needed**, **not** their **bended** knee ↓
 Huge **rallies** show our **people power**, we **gather** and decree
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Resist, Resist, Resist this **klepto-autocracy**,
Resist, Resist, Defend our **dee-mocracy**!