

This State is My State

tune: This Land is Your Land

lyrics: Kathy Miner & Metje, Madison Raging Grannies, "our house" chorus by Peter Leidy.

As I went walking throughout Wisconsin,
I listened to the people and what they're thinkin',
I heard them saying, they back their UNIONS –
This state was made for you and me.

CHORUS:

This state is your state, this state is my state,
And the people's voice is what makes it so great –
From the northern forests, to the southern valleys,
This state was made for you and me.

(skip in flash mob) I've roamed and rambled across the farmlands,
I've traveled far on Wisconsin's byways,
In all those places, I hear folks saying:
This state was made for you and me.

CHORUS

In the Capitol building, below the great dome,
I saw my people, for this is our home --
In all the hallways, I heard them chanting:
This state was made for you and me.

CHORUS

I heard Scott Walker, try to bust the unions,
I heard him bluster, I heard him lyin' –
I heard him say that he'll have the last word –
But this state was made for you and me.

CHORUS

Nobody living can ever stop us
We'll fight for unions, we'll be their caucus,
Democratic rights cry, "Negotiation!" –
This state was made for you and me.

Optional verses for 74, This State is our State

This house is YOUR house, This house is MY house
From the Rotunda to the Governor's office,
Sco-ott Walker will never push us out
This House belongs to you and me.

Final Chorus (optional, for use in concert only):

**This state is your state, this state is my state,
And the people's voice is what makes it so great;**

From the northern forests to the southern valleys --

(keep repeating melody line; "call and response" between R and L sides of group)

From the Mississippi to the shining Great Lakes --

From iron country to the Illinois border --

From the rugged shorelines to the crowded cities -

From the halls of learning to the peaceful pastures --

(ALL) THIS .. STATE .. WAS .. MADE .. FOR .. YOU .. AND .. ME!