

SeaGreen Singers (Oxford)
Womens Intl. Festival Songbook -
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Lyrics & Song sheets

**If you like singing come and join us -
All are welcome and you don't need singing
experience, and you don't need to read music.**

The Seagreen Singers are a group based in Oxford singing songs to change the world about peace, protest, environment, feminism.

The SeaGreen Singers is named after the colour of the ribbons worn by the Levellers, a radical movement in Cromwell's Model Army. The Levellers believed in equality for all, justice, and human rights.

. We meet at St.Columba's Church Hall, Alfred Street (just off the High Street, Carfax end) Oxford, on Mondays at 8pm.

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<http://www.seagreensingers.com>

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*twice through, same words
each time*

We are women,
come together,
come together in harmony
Singing songs
of peace and justice,
Peace and justice
will set us free
Unison in Harmony

3. Women's Song

1. : *women only, in unison
on alto tune*
Women born without a past
We whose history's quite
unknown
Since the darkest times –
women
Live a life that's never
shown

Chorus: *all parts*

Rise up, women we are
slaves all
Break out, escape, tear
down the wall
Arise, arise, arise, arise

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2. *all parts*

Women humiliated,
crushed
Bought and sold, raped
and oppressed
Everywhere, every home –
women
Outsiders, social rejects

3. *women only, in two parts*

Woman ignored by
everyone
Sad, alone where do we
start
They have divided us –
women
Sisters, we are kept apart

4. *all parts*

Women it is time to strike
Our time has come around
Recognize our strength
women
Thousands round us can
be found

5. *all parts*

Women, we must be aware
Speak out, look around,
behold
All together, now – women
All as one we must revolt

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10. Bella Ciao-Sing for Women

tune: Bella Ciao,

1. We are singing, for women's future ,
For equal pay, an equal say,
we need a change now now,
Be stronger women, Stand up, say 'no',
Don't take injustice any more.

2. Most work is equal, and gender neutral,
We should be treated just the same
for the same work we do,
But has your pay cheque got a gender ?
Does it weigh less than the man's?

3. We are fighting 'gainst exploitation,
'Gainst subjugation, mutilation,
we want change now now

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Be stronger women, Stand up, say 'no',
Don't take injustice any more.

4. There's much we've done now
but more to do now,
Some want reverse to make things worse, so we say no no no
Be stronger women, Stand up, say no,
Dont take injustice any more

6 . Now we are saying,
stop rape and violence
stop the groping, lets start hoping end it now, now now
Be stronger women, Stand up, say 'no',
Don't take injustice any more.

5. We're half the planet,
we're half the people
We stand erect, we want respect we want it now now now

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Nana was a suffragette,
their voices still survive
Singing votes for Women is just the beginning
You haven't seen anything yet
Nana was a suffragette.

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5. Wangari -
about Wangari Muta Maathai, Kenyan activist who encouraged women to plant trees - song by Polly Bolton

A: Sow the seed it will be, one more tree to grace the earth **x2**

B: Wangari, wangari **x2**

repeat A and B

C: *unison*
One seed, one tree,
one woman unbowed x2

C: repeat in canon
[sing this line as a round each group starting their cycle after 'one seed', i.e. one seed... - one seed... - one seed...]

Repeat A and B

8. Bread And Roses

Words by James Oppenheim

1. *all parts:*

As we come marching
marching in the beauty of
the day
A million darkened
kitchens, a thousand mill
lofts gray
Are touched with all the
radiance that a sudden sun
discloses
For the people hear us
singing, bread and roses,
bread and roses.

2. *all parts:*

As we come marching,
marching, we battle too for
men
United in the struggle and
we stand with them again
Our lives shall not be
sweated from birth until life
closes
Hearts starve as well as
bodies; give us bread, but
give us roses

3. *Women only in harmony, quietly*

men humming:?

As we come marching,
marching, unnumbered
women dead
Go crying through our
singing their ancient cry for
bread
Small art and love and
beauty their drudging
spirits knew
Yes, it is bread we fight for
– but we fight for roses too!

4. *all parts:*

As we come marching,
marching, we bring you
hope at last
The rising of the women
means the rising of the
class
No more the drudge and
idler – ten that toil where
one reposes
But a sharing of life's
glories: Bread and roses,
Bread and roses

5. *Women only in harmony*