

We Shall Overcome

A medley of four songs about hope and resilience from the American Tradition. Sing the songs one after the other.

1. BRING ME LITTLE WATER SYLVIE

Bring me little water Sylvie
Bring me little water now
Bring me little water Sylvie
Every little once in a while

Bring me little water Sylvie
Bring me little water now
Bring me little water Sylvie
Every little once in a while

Sylvie, Sylvie
I'm so hot and dry
Sylvie, Sylvie
Can't you hear, can't you hear me callin'?

Bring me little water Sylvie
Bring me little water now
Bring me little water Sylvie
Every little once in a while



2. HEY LALLY LALLY

Hey lally lally lally
Hey lally lally-lo
Hey lally lally lally
Hey lally lally-lo

Hey lally lally lally
Hey lally lally-lo
Hey lally lally lally
Hey lally lally-lo

HAND CLAPS

Hey lally lally lally
Hey lally lally-lo
Hey lally lally lally
Hey lally lally-lo

Hey lally lally lally
Hey lally lally-lo
Hey lally lally lally
Hey lally lally-lo



3. BETTER TIMES WILL COME

Better times, better times will come
Better times, better times will come
When this world learns to live as one
Oh, better times will come

Better times, better times will come
Better times, better times will come
When this world learns to live as one
Oh, better times will come

When we greet each dawn without fear
Knowing loved ones soon will be near
When the winds of war cannot blow anymore
Oh, better times will come

Better times, better times will come
Better times, better times will come
When this world learns to live as one
Oh, better times will come



4. WE SHALL OVERCOME

We shall overcome
We shall overcome
We shall overcome some day

Oh-oh, deep in my heart I do believe
That we shall overcome some day
We shall overcome some day

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Hey Lally Lally: square dancing song from the Bahamas, collected by
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Better Times will Come: Janis Ian.

We Shall Overcome: USA civil right song adapted by Zilphia Horton,
Frank Hamilton, Guy Carawan & Pete Seeger from the southern
Gospel song *I'll overcome someday*.



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