

Living Democracy **Songs of Influence: Australian songs of protest**

The Museum of Australian Democracy's *Living Democracy* exhibition shares the stories of a diverse range of people whose lives are intrinsically linked with Australia's democracy. People who have protested for change, petitioned government, represented others, secured voting equality for all Australians, become leaders of change in their communities and had their voice heard through music and art.

A protest song is a powerful way to raise awareness and unite opinion on issues large and small. A protest song describes and explains society. It can celebrate a situation, or it can confront and criticise. It can voice anger, pain, pride or resistance or it can say, with simple strength, *we are here and we matter*. A protest song can make people think differently and take action. This list features a variety of people, places, eras and musical genres.

I am Woman. Helen Reddy. 1972

And the Band Played Waltzing Matilda. Eric Bogle. 1971

One Day in October. Peter Hicks. 1998

Treaty. Yothu Yindi. 1991

Let the Franklin Flow. Gordon Franklin Wilderness Ensemble. 1983

Like a Dog. Powderfinger. 2000

U.S Forces. Midnight Oil. 1982

Sam Griffith. Jack Luscombe. 1953

(I'm) Stranded. The Saints. 1976

Love and Justice. Kavisha Mazzella and choir. 2008

Down City Streets. Ruby Hunter. 2005

I Was Only 19 (A Walk in the Light Green). Redgum. 1983

Thou Shalt Not Steal. Kev Carmody. 1988

The Death of Ben Hall. Sally Sloan. c.1953

Took the Children Away. Archie Roach. 1990

The Equal Pay Song. Lola Wright. 2001

77%. The Herd. 2003

Come and Check Your Head. Blue King Brown. 2006

Mamma Mia Dammi Cento Lire. Lucia and Domenico de Bortoli. 2002

Anthem. Tiddas. 1996

Brown Skin Baby (They Took Me Away). Kunmanara Randall. c.2007

Waltjim Bat Matilda. Ali and June Mills. 1996

No Dams. Tim O'Loughlin and Angie McGowan. 2005

Weevils in the Flour. Declan Affley. c.1970s

From Little Things (Big Things Grow). Paul Kelly and The Messengers. 1991

Blackfella Whitefella. The Warumpi Band. 1984

The Ballad of 1981. Helen Palmer and Doreen Bridges. c.1950

I Don't Like It. Pauline Pantsdown. 1998

Menstruation Blues. Robyn Archer. 1977