

Rally Chants and Songs

WFSE DCYF Policy Committee – *Organize and Fight!*

Need chants or songs for rallies? Look no further!

Example:

Call (one or a few people shout this out, using megaphones is recommended)

> Response (everyone shouts this back, some chants have no call and are repeated instead)

1. We're FED UP

> CAN'T TAKE IT NO MORE!

2. WHEN WE FIGHT

> WE WIN!

3. ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR

> WE WON'T TAKE IT ANYMORE!

FIVE, SIX, SEVEN, EIGHT!

> SICK OF BEING UNDERPAID!

4. WHO ARE WE?

> WFSE!

WHAT DO WE WANT?

> HIGHER WAGES!

WHEN DO WE WANT THEM?

> NOW!

IF WE DON'T GET THEM?

> SHUT IT DOWN!

5. NO MORE PENNIES, NO MORE DIMES, GIVE US WAGES WORTH OUR TIME

6. DIGNITY, RESPECT – PUT MORE MONEY IN OUR CHECKS

7. Everywhere we go!

> EVERYWHERE WE GO!

People want to know

> PEOPLE WANT TO KNOW

Who we are

> WHO WE ARE

So we tell them

> SO WE TELL THEM

WE ARE THE UNION!

> WE ARE THE UNION!

The mighty, mighty union

> THE MIGHTY, MIGHTY UNION

8. Show me what a strong union looks like!

> THIS IS WHAT A STRONG UNION LOOKS LIKE!

9. PUBLIC SERVICE [CHILD SAFETY] IS UNDER ATTACK!

> *PUBLIC SERVICE [CHILD SAFETY] IS UNDER ATTACK!*

WHAT DO WE DO!?

> *STAND UP, FIGHT BACK!*

10. UNION BUSTING!?

> *THAT'S DISGUSTING!*

**11. HOLD THE LINE FOR CHILD WELFARE,
HOLD THE LINE FOR ALL!**

**12. WE PAY TAXES, WHY DON'T THEY?
IT'S TIME FOR BILLIONAIRES TO PAY!**

**13. CHILD SAFETY IS A RIGHT,
THAT IS WHY WE'VE GOT TO FIGHT!**

**14. WHEN I SAY UNION, YOU SAY
POWER!**

UNION!

> *POWER!*

UNION!

> *POWER!*

15. Cut our staffing?

We say NO!

Child deaths

Have got to go!

**16. WHAT DO WE DO WHEN WE
GET ORGANIZED?**

> *THIS IS WHAT WE DO WHEN WE
GET ORGANIZED!*

17. WASHINGTON FOR WHO!?

> *WASHINGTON FOR ALL!*

18. WHO IS THE UNION?

> *WE ARE THE UNION!*

19. SO! SO! SO!

SOLIDARITY!

20. SUPPORT STAFF

> *SUPPORT US ALL!*

21. UNION POWER ON THE RISE

> *Now's the time to organize!*

**GIVE OUR CHILDREN BETTER
LIVES**

> *Now's the time to organize!*

22. I BELIEVE

> *I BELIEVE*

I BELIEVE THAT WE WILL

> *I BELIEVE THAT WE WILL*

I BELIEVE THAT WE WILL WIN!

> *I BELIEVE THAT WE WILL WIN!*

> ***I BELIEVE THAT WE WILL WIN!***

> ***[REPEAT]***

**23. STATE WORKERS. UNITED. WILL
NEVER BE DEFEATED!**

**24. AIN'T NO POWER LIKE THE
POWER OF OUR UNION 'CAUSE
THE POWER OF OUR UNION
DON'T STOP!**

Solidarity Forever (DCYF)

Original lyrics by Ralph Chaplin^{[1][2]}

When the union's inspiration
through the workers' blood shall
run,

There can be no power greater
anywhere beneath the sun;

Yet what force on earth is weaker
than the feeble strength of one,
But the union makes us strong.

Chorus:

Solidarity forever!

Solidarity forever!

Solidarity forever!

For the union makes us strong.

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Is there aught we hold in common
with the greedy parasite,

Who would lash us into serfdom
and would crush us with his might?

Is there anything left to us but to
organize and fight?

For the union makes us strong.

Chorus

The children, youth, and families
facing violence, harm, or ill,

We have visited, assessed, and
aided with our clinical skill;

While the agency cuts budgets, they
can never break our will,

For the union makes us strong.^[1]

Chorus

They divide us by our color; they
divide us by our tongue,

They divide us men and women;
they divide us old and young,

But they'll tremble at our voices,
when they hear these verses sung

For the Union makes us strong.^[2]

Chorus

They have taken untold millions
that they never toiled to earn,

But without our brain and muscle
not a single wheel can turn.

We can break their haughty power,
gain our freedom when we learn

That the union makes us strong.

Chorus

In our hands is placed a power
greater than their hoarded gold,
Greater than the might of armies,
multiplied a thousand-fold.

We can bring to birth a new world
from the ashes of the old

For the union makes us strong.

[1] Verse by Floorchild

[2] Verse by Steve Suffet

Washington For All Anthem

Lyrics and Song by Floorchild

Twelve billion green up in smoke,
it's a lean time; we're broken in
ways we can't name,

But twelve billionaires live among
us, no care for those strung with
this spiral-down game.

Heard the governor say it's the poor
who should pay and the door out of
this is with cuts.

But thousands can stand arm in
arm, hand in hand, smoke alarm,
it's the house that is burning
around us and... If we stand... We
can say:

Refrain:

*Washington's for all, not just for the
rich,
Put the people first, we're ready for a
switch.*

*If you're a millionaire, it's time to pay
your share.*

Wa-shing-ton for all!

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Well state workers, they aid
Washingtonians 'fraid when
bologna financial firms lie.

Help those fighting addiction, or
trauma, eviction, or mama, just
tryin' to get by.

Those remaking their life, children
facing home strife, those embracing
a college degree.

Who need ID or license, have roads
for de-icin', or boats fixing bridges
from sea.

Or a safe place to stay if there's care
needs at play,

Or inspectors to say if a crop is
okay,

Or protections at work when your
boss is a jerk,

Or attorneys and clerks, or
museums of artworks-

Manage forests and camps,
geoducks, razor clams,

Oversee health programs, and
interpreters-damn!-

Help you access this stuff if your
English is rough,

And we'll bring it on home with the
same refrain!

Refrain:

*Washington's for all, not just for the
rich,
Put the people first, we're ready for a
switch.*

If you're a millionaire, it's time to pay your share.

Wa-shing-ton for all!

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Everyone in our state, pays an equal sales tax rate,

But the numbers don't work when you break it down economically.

The poor who are busting their ass, spend every penny to keep in the working class.

While the wealthy invest theirs and watch it balloon astronomically.

So people with money to save, hide from tax in a separate enclave,

And the little they put in state coffers comes out to just three percent.

But for people whose budgets are lean, that tax burden comes out to seventeen,

Even more if you add in the property tax that's passed on as rent.

There's 8 million folks in the state; taxing 400 could set the budget straight,

But Bob Ferguson puts it on you and me and our colleagues and neighbors and families.

Refrain x2:

Washington's for all, not just for the rich,

Put the people first, we're ready for a switch.

If you're a millionaire, it's time to pay your share.

Wa-shing-ton for all!

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