

SONGS OF THE SOUTHERN FREEDOM MOVEMENT

1. WE SHALL NOT BE MOVED

CHORUS

We shall not, we shall not be moved,--  
We shall not, we shall not be moved,  
Just like a tree, planted by the water,  
We shall not be moved.

We are fighting for our freedom, we shall not  
be moved,  
We are fighting for our freedom, we shall not  
be moved,  
Just like a tree, planted by the water,  
We shall not be moved.

We are black and white together, we shall not be  
moved...

We will stand and fight together, we shall not be  
moved...

The Government is behind us, we shall not be moved...

2. THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE

CHORUS:

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine  
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

VERSES:

We've got the light of freedom, we're gonna let it  
shine...

Deep down in the South, we're gonna let it shine...

Down in Birmingham (Mississippi, Alabama, etc.), we're  
gonna let it shine...

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine....

All in the jail house...

3. KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE PRIZE

CHORUS:

Hold on, Hold on, Keep your eyes on the prize,  
Hold on, hold on.

Paul and Silas, bound in jail, had no money for to  
go their bail,

Keep your eyes on the prize hold on, hold on.....

Paul and Silas begin to shout, the jail door opened  
and they walked on out.

Keep your eyes on the prize, hold on.....

Freedom's name is mighty sweet, soon one day we're  
gonna meet.....

3. continued

The only thing we did wrong, stayed in the wilderness  
a day too long....

But the one thing we did right, was the day we  
started to fight.

4. OH FREEDOM

Oh Freedom Oh Freedom Oh Freedom over me over me,  
And before I'll be a slave I'll be buried in my grave  
And go home to my Lord and be free--and there'll be

No segregation, no segregation, no segregation over me  
And before I'll be a slave, I'll be buried in my grave  
And go home to my Lord and be free.

No more weeping...

No more shooting....

No burning churches...

No more Jim Crow...

No more jail house...

No more Barnett...

5. WE'LL NEVER TURN BACK

VERSE: We've been 'buked and we've been scorned,

We've been talked about sure's you're born.

CHORUS: But we'll never turn back, No, we'll never  
turn back--

Until we've all been freed and we have  
equality.

2nd VS: We have walked thru the shadows of death  
We've had to walk all by ourselves.

3rd VS: We have served our time in jail  
With no money for to go our bail.

4th VS. We have hung our head and cried  
For those like Lee who died,  
Died for you and died for me.  
Died for the cause of equality.

6. WOKE UP THIS MORNING

Woke up this morning with my mind stayed on freedom,  
Woke up this morning with my mind stayed on freedom,  
Woke up this morning with my mind stayed on freedom,  
Hallelu, hallelu, hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah!

Ain't no harm to keep your mind stayed on freedom...

Walkin' and talkin' with my mind stayed on freedom...

Singin' and prayin' with my mind stayed on freedom...

...over

7. WHICH SIDE ARE YOU ON?

Come all you freedom lovers, and listen while I tell  
Of how the freedom riders came to Jackson to  
dwell, oh,

CHORUS: Which side are you on, boys,  
Which side are you on, (tell me)  
Which side are you on boys,  
Which side are you on.

My daddy was a freedom fighter and I'm a freedom son  
I'll stick right with this struggle until the  
battle's won.

Don't 'tom for Uncle Charlie', don't listen to his  
lies  
'Cause black folks haven't got a chance until they  
organize.

They say in Hinds County, no neutrals have they met  
You're either for the Freedom Ride or you 'tom for  
Ross Barnett.

Oh people can you stand it, tell me how you can  
Will you be an Uncle Tom or will you be a man?

Captain Ray will holler 'move on' but the Freedom  
Riders won't budge  
They'll stand there in the terminals and even before  
the judge.

8. WE SHALL OVERCOME

We shall overcome, we shall overcome  
We shall overcome some-day  
Oh, deep in my heart I do believe (oh---)  
We shall overcome someday.

We are not afraid, we are not afraid,  
We are not afraid today.  
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,  
We thall overcome someday.

We are not alone....(today)

The truth shall make us free...

We'll walk hand in hand...

The Lord will see us through...

(the last two lines are the same in every verse)