



Let's Be Heard (Make Some Noise!)

Lyrics Analysis

Come on! [x8]

I often start a song with a callout... something like "listen up!" or "yeah!" or 'come on!' to get your attention.

Get up stand up!

Let's be heard!

Make some noise!

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Let's Be Heard (Make Some Noise!) came about because I'm tired of injustice in the world. It doesn't make sense that more than 90% of people on this planet live in poverty or just manage to survive while the richest 1 to 10% own (and destroy) everything.

The chorus starts with a Bob Marley reference: get up stand up. Like Bob, it is clear to me that we need to get up from our comfy couches and take a stand. In order to be heard, we need to be loud. We are the majority, we will not stand for it. Will we?

**Doctor King paved the way
You gotta go the doctor's way
Don't pick a gun, don't pick a knife
Bring your words to this fight
Your mind's your weapon
Your thoughts unite
Peaceful actions win the right
To be heard, to be on record
Let's get up and change this world**

As a child I had a Martin Luther King poster above my bed, he was the man. His was a voice of reason, of hope, of inclusion. We have to follow his vision. We simply have to, there is no other way.

We don't need weapons to change things, we need to have a clear idea of what we want and how to proceed. We need a well thought out plan. Vera Brittain, Martin Luther King, Mahatma Gandhi, Greta Thunberg... It often takes just one person to show the way forward. These people are "on record" they are part of the human collective, of its consciousness. They show the way, we need to "get up" and follow the laid out courses of actions if we want to change things for the better of humankind.

1, 2, 3, 4

Stay all night

1, 2, 3, 4

Play all night

1, 2, 3, 4

Let's wake up da neighbors

1, 2, 3, 4...

1, 2, 3, 4: here I bring a bit of levity to the song by talking about sex ...my brand of music is called Sexy Funk after all! So, let's be heard, wink-wink: have loud sex all night.

Stop!

**I'm channeling Prince
I'm channeling James Brown
I'm channeling Donna Summer
I'm channeling Stevie Wonder**

I wrote this song as a free gift for the readers of a local paper called Le Tour. So, as such, I wanted a song that really captured the Charluxx sound and the ethos of Sexy Funk. I could not do so without a shoutout to some of my inspirations. These four are constantly on my mind.



Prompted
By the light of the moon
Get down!
Prompted
By the warmth of the sun
Get on down!
Prompted
Who let the autocrats rule?
Get down!
Prompted
You gonna sit while they rule?
Get on down!

The next part is the bridge. I wanted to slightly shift the focus from the politics to the poetic. I use “prompted” in the classic sense of the definition: to cause or bring about an action or feeling.

The world has such beauty, the moon and the sun look down on us, the sheer immensity of it all reminds me that we are insignificant in the grand scheme of things. Why do we put forward people like Adolf Hitler, Vladimir Putin, Donald Trump, Jair Bolsonaro? They truly represent the worse that humanity has to offer. We deserve better than that. We should be better than that. Again, are we going to let that continue to be the case?

Tempted
To get on with your life
Double down!
Tempted
To get up and fight
Double down!
Tempted
To let redemption be right
Double down!
Tempted
To hold on tight
Double down!

“Get down” is funky talk for “get with the program.”

It is rather easy to just keep the status quo and remain quietly silent, but I think deep down inside, we just want to be able to do something, it is ...tempting. Isn't it?

Redemption is an essential concept in many religions, including Judaism and Christianity. We wait to be saved from sin, error, and evil. We just hold up tight and hope things will get better.

The harsh reality is that we need to double our efforts if we want things to get better.

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“Double down” represents a type of portmanteau expression that combines “get down” with “double time” because to support the message, the drum beat is doubled for the second part of the bridge.

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Do what's right, don't be lazy
"What can I do I'm just one person?"
Don't give me that crap
This doomsday's on you
You gotta act, you gotta prove
Get in the groove, get up and move
Stand for reason, stand for hope
You're not alone, united we strong
Don't give up, just drive the change

Stop!
Stick around
Stay all night
Stop!
Look around
Play all night
Stop!
Do what you want
Let's have fun tonight
Stop!
Do what's right
Stay all night...

It makes me sad the amount of time I've heard people say they're just one person and therefore not going to make any difference, specially with regards to recycling or eating meat. To me, this is just an excuse to be lazy and justify not having to do something that has a positive outcome, but that requires a bit of effort. We should strive to lead by example. It IS hard as one person to change the world, but it is easy to change the world of one person. All great change on this planet, be it for good or evil, came about because of one person.

Think about it.

So, if you do nothing and recite the same old rhetoric, then you are part of the problem. Look around you and tell me things are not scary enough to justify urgent action. Otherwise, we are going towards massive extinction of all animal life on this planet.

There is hope. But we need action. Together we have achieved extraordinary feats. We are strong when we all work together. Now is not the time to give up. We can change this course of action. Let's not live on hope, let's thrive on reason.

The final verse is about sex again, lol.

The song, and my story, needed to end on a positive note. Stop and appreciate each other, do what's right. You feel it in your heart... and your groin!

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