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Monday, February 2, 2015

"We Shall Not Be Moved" (lyrics, videos, and comments)

Edited by Azizi Powell

This post provides lyrics and a video of the civil rights song "We Shall Not Be Moved".

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EDITOR'S NOTE ABOUT ADDING COMMENTS ON THIS BLOG With considerable regret, I have disabled the comment feature on this blog (and on my other blogs except for https://pancocojams.blogspot.com, because of the large number of spam comments that I received on those blogs.

Comments for those blogs can be sent to my email address azizip17 dot com at yahoo dot com for possible inclusion in a specific post on those blogs.

LYRICS: WE SHALL NOT BE MOVED (Civil Rights Song) We shall not, we shall not be moved (shall not be) We shall not, we shall not be moved Just like a tree that's planted by the water, We shall not be moved.

We're fighting for our rights (and) We shall not be moved (Shall not be) We're fighting for our rights (and) We shall not be moved Just like a tree that's planted by the water, We shall not be moved.

We shall all be free (and) We shall not be moved (Shall not be) We shall all be free (and) We shall not be moved Just like a tree that's planted by the water, We shall not be moved.

God is on our side (and) We shall not be moved (Shall not be) God is on our side (and) We shall not be moved Just like a tree that's planted by the water,

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About Me

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I'm an African American mother, grandmother, & retired human services administrator. For more than forty years I have shared adapted West African stories with audiences in the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania area. I have four blogspots: pancocojams, zumalayah, cocojams2, and .Civil Rights Songs. Much of the content of these blogs were previously found on my cocojams and jambalayah cultural websites. I curate all of these blogs on a voluntary basis. Each of these blogs have the primary goal of raising awareness about cultural aspects of African American culture and of other Black cultures throughout the world, particularly in regards to music & dance traditions. Viewer comments are welcome on my blogspots.

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We shall not be moved.

Black and White together We shall not be moved (Shall not be) Black and White together We shall not be moved Just like a tree that's planted by the water, We shall not be moved.

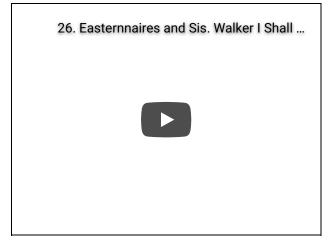
We shall not, we shall not be moved (Shall not be) We shall not, we shall not be moved Just like a tree that's planted by the water, We shall not be moved. -snip-This civil rights song is adapted from a union motivational song: "We shall not, we shall not be moved We shall not, we shall not be moved We shall not, we shall not be moved We'll building a mighty union, We shall not be moved" -Online source: http://www.geocities.com/CapitolHill/7840/song6.htm

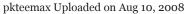
The union song "We Shall Not Be Moved" is adapted from the African American Gospel song "I Shall Not Be Moved".

FEATURED YOUTUBE EXAMPLES

These examples are posted in chronological order based on their publishing date with the oldest examples presented first

Example #1: Easternnaires and Sis. Walker I Shall Not Be Moved [Gospel]





Easternnaires and Sis. Walker singing I Shall Not Be Moved at end of year concert

Example #2: Mary Mary "We Shall Not Be Moved" from The Soundtrack For A Revolution [1960s civil rights song]



vicariousmusic, Uploaded on Feb 13, 2012

On February 14th, the soundtrack to the film Soundtrack For a Revolution will be released. It features contemporary artists singing traditional Civil Rights-era freedom songs.

Example #3: Mavis Staples - We Shall Not Be Moved [union song]

| Mavis Staples - We Shall Not Be Moved |
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Echoes of a Friend, Published on Mar 31, 2014

Album "We'll Never Turn Back" (2007)

Echoes of a Friend

-snip-

Notice the words in the second verse "The union is behind us".

Example #4: We Shall Not Be Moved | Tillis 15 [contemporary civil rights protest song]



NC Forward Together Moral Movement Channel Published on May 27, 2014

May 27th, 2014 - After North Carolina House Speaker Thom Tillis refuses to meet with North Carolinians, a sit-in turns into a church service where the protestors state why, despite being ignored by their Representative, they shall not be moved.

Thanks for visiting this Civil Rights Songs blog.

Viewer comments are welcome.

Posted by Azizi Powell at 2:04 AM Labels: African American Gospel, union motivational song

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Patty Ayers February 18, 2017 at 1:16 PM

Beautiful, thank you

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Unknown November 2, 2017 at 10:18 AM

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Unknown March 22, 2018 at 7:25 PM

I was glad to see so many versions of We Shall Not Be Moved. I recently listened to versions of this song by Greg Brown, Joan Baez, Mavis Staples and others. We will be singing this song to Celebrate International Workers' Day in May! With a remembrance of A. Philip Randolph, who helped organize the Pullman Porters on the rail road.

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Aakash December 27, 2018 at 2:40 AM

thank you for sharing about this topic really very nice post :-)

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