

SONGS OF PROTEST

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BACKGROUND READING & WATCHING

[A BRIEF HISTORY OF PROTEST MUSIC](#)

[WHEN MUSIC BECOMES POLITICAL PROTEST](#)

[THE PROTEST SONGS OF THE HONG KONG UMBRELLA MOVEMENT](#)

SOME OF CAIT'S FAVORITE CONTEMPORARY CULTURAL TOUCHSTONES

- 2014 | [Pussy Riot protests Putin with the Winter Olympics as a backdrop](#)
- 2014 | [Protesting financial corruption through Flamenco in Spain](#)
- 2016 | [Kendrick Lamar's performance at the Grammys](#)
- 2017 | [Beyonce casually drops Formation then performs it the next day at the Super Bowl](#)
- 2018 | [Janelle Monae releases Pynk](#)
- 2018 | [Childish Gambino releases This is America](#)
- 2019 | [Las Tesis performs Un Violador En tu Camino en Chile](#)
- 2020 | [Maori people perform a Haka at a Black Lives Matter Protest in Christchurch, NZ](#)
 - [Background on Haka](#)
- 2020 | [Some white dude in Michigan is surprised and upset when he discovers that Rage Against the Machine is political. Which machine do you think they were raging against, Scott?](#)

CONTROVERSIAL EXAMPLES OF PROTEST SONGS

- [You Need to Calm Down — Taylor Swift](#)
- [Trouble in Town — Coldplay](#)

SONG RECOMMENDATIONS FROM HANNAH BOGAERT

- I Can't Breathe by H.E.R.
- March March by The Chicks
- Turntables by Janelle Monae
- Better Than We Found It by Maren Morris

Un Violador En Tu Camino

The original performance in Chile.

Letra:

El patriarcado es un juez
que nos juzga por nacer,
y nuestro castigo
es la violencia que no ves.

El patriarcado es un juez
que nos juzga por nacer,
y nuestro castigo
es la violencia que ya ves.

Es femicidio.
Impunidad para mi asesino.
Es la desaparición.
Es la violación.

Y la culpa no era mía, ni dónde estaba ni
cómo vestía.

Y la culpa no era mía, ni dónde estaba ni
cómo vestía.

Y la culpa no era mía, ni dónde estaba ni
cómo vestía.

Y la culpa no era mía, ni dónde estaba ni
cómo vestía.

El violador eras tú.
El violador eres tú.

Son los pacos,
los jueces,
el Estado,
el Presidente.

El Estado opresor es un macho violador.
El Estado opresor es un macho violador.

El violador eras tú.
El violador eres tú.

Duerme tranquila, niña inocente,
sin preocuparte del bandolero,
que por tu sueño dulce y sonriente
vela tu amante carabinero.

El violador eres tú.
El violador eres tú.
El violador eres tú.
El violador eres tú.

Translation:

The patriarchy is a judge
That judges us for being born.
And (as women) we are punished
By the violence you don't see.

The patriarchy is a judge
That judges us for being born.
And (as women) we are punished
By the violence we've seen.

It's femicide.
Impunity for my killer.
It's disappearance.
It's rape.

And it wasn't my fault
Not where I went or how I dressed
And it wasn't my fault
Not where I went or how I dressed

The rapist was you.
The rapist is you.

It's the cops.
The judges.
The state.
The President.

The oppressive state is a male rapist
The oppressive state is a male rapist

The rapist was you.
The rapist is you.

Sleep peacefully, innocent girl
without worrying about the bandit

because your loving cop sees your sweet
smile
and watches over you while you dream.

The rapist is you.
The rapist is you.
The rapist is you.
The rapist is you.

[Quiet by MILCK](#)

Put on your face
Know your place
Shut up and smile
Don't spread your legs
I could do that

But no one knows me, no one ever will
If I don't say something, if I just lie still
Would I be that monster, scare them all away
If I let them hear what I have to say

I can't keep quiet, no-oh-oh-oh-oh
I can't keep quiet, no-oh-oh-oh-oh
A one woman riot, no-oh-oh-oh-oh

I can't keep quiet
For anyone

Not anymore

'Cause no one knows me, no one ever will
If I don't say something, take that dry blue pill
They may see that monster, they may run away
But I have to do this

I can't keep quiet, no-oh-oh-oh-oh
I can't keep quiet, no-oh-oh-oh-oh
A one woman riot, no-oh-oh-oh-oh

Oh, I can't keep quiet
(There'll be someone who understands)
There'll be someone who understands
(Must be someone who'll understand)

Let it out, let it out
Let it out now
There'll be someone who understands
Let it out, let it out
Let it out now

I can't keep quiet, no-oh-oh-oh-oh
No, I can't keep quiet, no-oh-oh-oh-oh
I can't keep quiet, oh-no
No, I won't keep quiet