

Your Great American DO SOMETHING Second Saturday/Third Thursday Singalongs

Your group can get involved in the grass roots movement — based in song — fostering an ethic of sharing and understanding, and open hearted compassion towards the last and least. It's Second Saturdays... **Will you join in the song?** For business organizations that want to get involved, or for schools that want to do this midweek, and religious groups that celebrate Saturdays and keep it holy, we suggest Third Thursdays. How about Third Thursdays at Three, which is still in the middle of the workday and still during school?

Your issue may be your local school, or 'Guitars not Guns' or helping runaways, or ending violence, or your issue may be ending childhood hunger. We just know there's something that really makes you passionate enough to sing for a better, more abundant tomorrow. Consider a 'Second Saturday Singalongs' event. Let us know that you're joining in this grass-roots event and we'll tweet about you and send you a copy of a film, and some microwave popcorn (while supplies last).

To get you started, we offer a sing-along with easy, downloadable sheet-music for anyone wishing to put on a poverty awareness event. It's posted at elfenworks.org. The song, **Such a Crime**, found its inspiration in a true story, an op-ed piece by Barbara Ehrenreich in the New York Times. The song is our effort to give a voice to the voiceless, questioning the increasing criminalization and hard-heartedness to the rising tide of poverty and inequality. The song asks simply: is it a crime to be poor? The original version as well as a new "vanilla" version are available online. We also are offering, for another easy singalong idea, the [sheet music](#) (PDF) to "Garden In My Soul". Here are some other old grass-roots rally songs which might spark your imagination in creating your own lists: Coat of Many Colors – Dolly Parton; Hard Times Come Again No More – Stephen Foster; This Land is Your Land - Woodie Guthrie; Waiting on the World to Change – John Mayer; Fly Like an Eagle – Steve Miller Band; Get Together – The Youngbloods; Love is the Answer – Utopia; One Love – Bob Marley; Ripple – Grateful Dead; If Your Love Cannot Be Moved, or A Time 2 Love *or Heaven is Ten Zillion Light Years Away – Stevie Wonder; Shed a Little Light – James Taylor; Peace Train – Cat Stevens; He Was My Brother - Paul Simon; I am a Patriot – Little Steven. Classical musicians can contact us for the sheet music for *La Povertà* by Stanford composer / professor [Giancarlo Aquilanti](#)!

Our website includes a customizable poster, tips for making your event unique, and social networking tips as well as how to put on a "poverty feast." On your flier, be sure to include time, place, etc, as well as the option to bring a donation... whether it's a can of food for a local shelter, or a guitar to donate to a nonprofit. The only limit is your imagination-just do *something*.

