

# CEASEFIRE HOLIDAY REMIX SONGS

with The Kairos Center and Freedom Church of the Poor



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## Holiday Songs for a Permanent Ceasefire



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*Claire Rabkin \**

## **Cry for Peace (to the tune - Little Drummer Boy)**

Remixed by Steff Reed, Pauline Pisano, Gretchen Craig, and Kelly Smith

Recording of original song: [Little Drummer Boy](#)

My voice feels small and weak Pa rum pum pum pum  
pum

But now my heart must speak Pa rum pum pum pum  
pum

We are a global choir Pa rum pum pum pum

We call for ceasefire Pa rum pum pum pum

rum pum pum pum,

rum pum pum pum

We will not stand for this Pa rum pum pum pum ...

This is our cry for peace ...

And we will flood the streets ...

This is our cry for peace ...

From streets in Ferguson Pa rum pum pum pum...

To roads in the West Bank...

We will not let them win ...

We will not let them win ...

We must free Gaza now Pa rum pum pum pum...

We must free Gaza now ...

We must free Gaza now ...

We must free Gaza now ...

## **The Peoples Drum**

Remixed by Karissa Lewis

Come they told me

Pa rum pum pum pum

We all deserve to be free

Pa rum pum pum pum

Our shared vision we bring

Pa rum pum pum pum

Our collective voice will ring

Pa rum pum pum pum,

rum pum pum pum,

rum pum pum pum

So to honor them

Pa rum pum pum pum

We will come

## **White Christmas**

Remixed by Savina Martin, Olivia Buckley and Alexis Stern

Recording of original song: [White Christmas](#)

I'm dreaming of a ceasefire

where every child sleeps in peace

where there's food and laughter

without violence after

and the genocide is ceased

I'm dreaming of a free Palestine

with no more rockets in the sky

as we all keep calling for peace

we demand the violence should cease

I'm dreaming of a ceasefire

And an end to genocide

No more people dying

No more kids crying

How can you not be on our side

Stop sending Israel weapons

No more tax funding for their crime

Fight for peace, folks, now is the time

We must all stand up for Palestine

## **White Christmas**

(Shared by Ceasefire Christmas Choir)

I'm dreaming of a ceasefire

A peace to last a thousand years

Where we unlearn hatreds

Where lives are sacred

Where we bravely face our fears

I'm dreaming of a ceasefire

With every breath that I release

May our days see justice and peace

And may all hostilities be ceased

I'm dreaming of a ceasefire

An end to walls for apartheid

No more check points daily

Imprisoned families

And peace that bridges all divides

I'm dreaming of a ceasefire

With every breath that I release

May our days see justice and peace

And may all hostilities be ceased

## Oh Come Emmanuel

Remixed by Malik Ready, Jenny Bonham-Carter, Chris Wylie, and Adam Barnes

Recording of original song: [Oh Come Emmanuel](#)

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and bring us justice here and now  
We join with those exiled here  
til unity and Love appear  
(Refrain)

O come, O come Wisdom from on high  
We need to unify and spread no lie  
To us the path of knowledge show  
And teach us in its ways to go  
(Refrain)

Refrain:  
Rejoice! Rejoice!  
We believe in peace  
A world where all conflicts will cease

## Joy to the World

Remixed by ana lara lopez, Adam Thiesen, and Charon Hribar

Recording of original song: [Joy to the World](#)

Joy to the world is our demand  
The beauty of Earth restored  
Let each of us, prepare our hearts  
To call ceasefire now,  
To call ceasefire now  
To call, to call, ceasefire now

Joy to the world, true peace will come  
When we unite in mass  
The poor and dispossessed  
Know what is needed best  
No war economy  
No war economy  
No war, no war economy

We claim a world of unity,  
Let leaders hear our cry  
A cry for justice, and liberation  
Free free Palestine  
Free free Palestine  
We cry, we cry free Palestine

## Carol of the Bells

Remixed by Airika Cross, Brittany King, and St. James Valsin

Recording of original song: [Carol of the Bells](#)

Hark! Palestine  
Sweet Palestine  
We're saying loud  
"Ceasefire now!"  
Freedom is near  
martyrs endeared  
To young and old  
willing and bold

Ding, dong, ding, dong  
Peace is our song  
With soulful ring  
All caroling  
World needs to hear  
Our voice is clear  
From ev'rywhere  
Filling the air

Free Palestine...  
Ceasefire now...



## Silent Night

Remixed by Charon Hribar

(Last 2 verses shared by Ceasefire Christmas Choir)

Recording of original song: [Silent Night](#)

Silent night holy night  
All is calm all is bright  
Peace to children near and far  
No more bombs and unending war  
Sleep in heavenly peace, sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night, holy night  
No more death, we hear your cries  
From the river to the sea  
Palestine you will be free  
Peace upon this land  
Peace upon the land

Silent night, holy night  
All is calm, all is bright  
Safety for fathers, mothers, and child  
Holy infants alive with smiles  
Ceasefire now, ceasefire now

Silent night, holy night  
Hostages home families unite  
Lib'ration streams from heaven afar  
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia  
Free Palestine Free Palestine

**LET THE  
CHILDREN  
LIVE.**  
**LET HEALERS  
HEAL.**

David Solnit

## Deck the Streets

Adapted by Karissa Lewis

Recording of original song: [Deck the Halls](#)

We will fight for liberation  
Fa la la la la la la!  
We won't lose our determination  
Fa la la la la la la!  
Now it's time to rise together  
Fa la la la la la la!  
Till Palestine is free forever  
Fa la la la la la la!

See the righteous fight before us  
Fa la la la la la la!

Raise your voice and join the chorus  
Fa la la la la la la!  
Join me to defeat the empire  
Fa la la la la la la!  
Together we'll stoke the freedom fire  
Fa la la la la la la!

## Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas

Recording of original song: [Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas](#)

(Shared by Ceasefire Christmas Choir)

What's behind the war and occupation,  
and this history?  
Who set up these peoples to be enemies?

Who stays rich and gets to keep their hands clean,  
while others fight?  
Systems stay in place with no end in sight

Here we are, as in olden days  
Weapons sold and made, by us  
Jews protect US interests  
And then take the blame, no fuss

Someday soon we'll tear this system down  
And free Palestine  
Until then we have to expose this design  
Christian hegemony's behind all of these violent  
times

## Ceasefire Now

by Sol Weiss; added lyrics by Ilana Lerman;

further adaptations by Adam Gottlieb

Chords: A / F# m / E / Bm

Ceasefire now (Ceasefire now)

Ceasefire now (Ceasefire now)

Ceasefire now (Ceasefire now)

Ceasefire now (Ceasefire now)

No more genocide (No more genocide)

No more genocide (No more genocide)

No more genocide (No more genocide)

No more genocide (No more genocide)

Not in our name (Not in our name)

Not in our name (Not in our name)

Not in our name (Not in our name)

Not in our name (Not in our name)

Let Gaza live (Let Gaza live)

Let Gaza live (Let Gaza live)

Let Gaza live (Let Gaza live)

Let Gaza live (Let Gaza live)

Free Palestine (Free Palestine)

Free Palestine (Free Palestine)

Free Palestine (Free Palestine)

Free Palestine (Free Palestine)

Lo yisa goy (Lo yisa goy)

El goy cherev (El goy cherev)

Lo yilmedu (Lo yilmedu)

Od milchama (Od milchama)

Nations shall not (Nations shall not)

Lift up their swords (Lift up their swords)

Nor shall they learn (Nor shall they learn)

War anymore (War anymore)

Ceasefire now (Ceasefire now) Ceasefire now

(Ceasefire now) Ceasefire now (Ceasefire now)

Ceasefire now (Ceasefire now)

And if not now (And if not now)

Then when (Then when)

Will we declare (Will we declare)

Never again (Never again)

Never again (Never again)

Never again (Never again)

Never again (Never again)

Never again (Never again)

For anyone (For anyone)

For anyone (For anyone)

For anyone (For anyone)

For anyone (For anyone)

Ceasefire now (Ceasefire now)

Ceasefire now (Ceasefire now)

Ceasefire now (Ceasefire now)

Ceasefire now (Ceasefire now)



Shailly Gupta Barnes



## We Rise

By Batya Levine

We rise, humbly hearted  
Rise, won't be divided  
Rise, with spirit to guide us  
Rise!

In hope, in prayer, we find ourselves here  
In hope, in prayer, we're right here  
In hope, in prayer we find ourselves here  
In hope, in prayer, we're right here

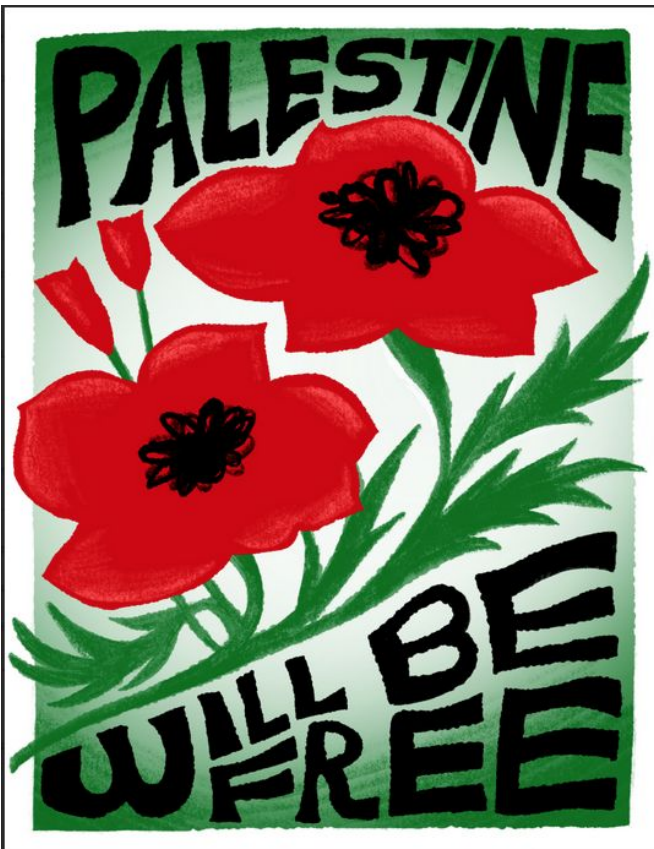
## May This Body Be a Bridge

By Te Martin

May this body be a bridge  
for the healing of this land  
May the river flow through us  
cleansing greed from our hands

We are, we are born from the water  
We are, we are made from the land  
Teach us, teach us oh Great Mother  
To bring, to bring peace to this land

Jules Zuckerberg



## Ceasefire

By The Peace Poets

Ceasefire  
Ceasefire  
Our children are dying  
It can't get more dire

Ceasefire  
Ceasefire  
The voice of peace  
Must keep getting higher!

## We Get There Together

By Josh Blaine

No one is getting left behind this time  
No one is getting left behind  
No one is getting left behind this time  
We get there together or never get there at all  
We get there together or never get there at all  
We get there together or never get there at all

## Courage

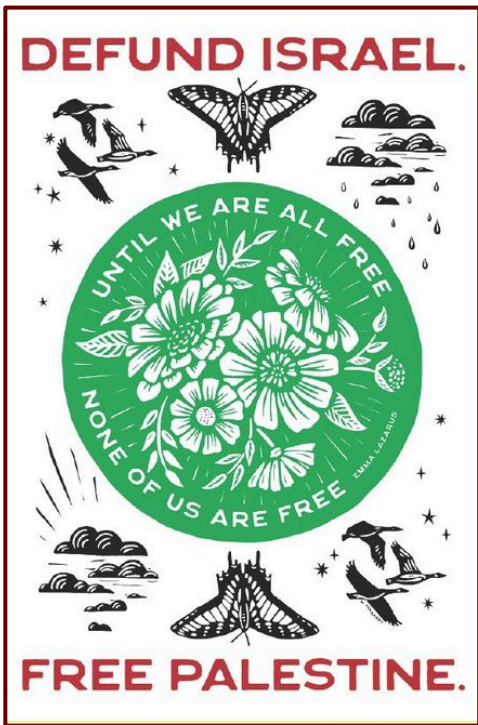
*\*South African Anti-Apartheid movement song  
used to learn the names of political prisoners*

Courage,  
my friend  
We do not move alone  
We will, move with you  
And sing your spirit home

## We Are the Ones

Shared by Mary Hooks of Movement 4 Black Lives

We are the ones we've been waiting for  
We are the ones we've been waiting for



### We Are The Children

(passed down to Mary Hooks by Tafarah Muhammad)  
*\*sing this about three good times with ya eyes closed and once folks grab it, then divide folks up to do some adlibs, repeat and stir it up!*

We are the children of the ones who did not die  
 And we are the children of the people who could fly  
 And we are the children of the ones who persevered

We are fearless we are strong and we ready to carry on  
 (ADLIBS/ Repetitions:

- And we ready to carry on
- Fearless! fearless! Fearless!
- And we ready to carry on

### Palestine Will Be Free

Ossama of Movement for Black Lives

From the river to the sea  
 From the river to the sea  
 From the river to the sea  
 Palestine, will be free  
 Palestine, will be free

### Cry Out for Justice (Chant)

Pastor Chris Wylie

(Call and responsee)  
 Cry out for justice  
 (Cry out for justice)  
 Cry out for peace  
 (Cry out for peace)  
 We rise against violence  
 (Rise against violence)  
 Until these bombings cease  
 (Until these bombing cease)

### ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

For additional cultural arts resources check out the [Gaza is Palestine Ceasefire Cultural Arts book.](#)



**CEASEFIRE NOW CULTURAL RESOURCES  
 & WAYS TO TAKE ACTION**

The following selections call people of the Christian tradition to action

### **What Child is This?**

Recording of original song: [What Child is This?](#)

(Shared by Ceasefire Christmas Choir)

What Child is this, who, lays in fear  
Without food, water, or care  
Whom strangers greet with cries and screams  
While onlookers keep watching?

Christians, Christians what say we?  
While on our watch the Gazans flee  
Haste, Haste to speak aloud  
Our silence is not holy

Why kill so many children  
For this keeps nobody safe?  
Good Christian, fear: for sin is here  
The silence is defeating

Christians, Christians what say we?  
While on our watch the Gazans flee  
Haste, Haste to speak aloud  
Our silence is not holy

So bring your heart and friends  
To your representative  
We must defend the lives  
Of all these sweet little babes

Christians, Christians what say we?  
While on our watch the Gazans flee  
Haste, Haste to speak aloud  
Our silence is not holy

### **Good Christian Friends Rejoice**

Recording of original song: [Good Christian Friends Rejoice](#)  
(Shared by Ceasefire Christmas Choir)

Good christian friends rejoice  
With heart and soul and voice  
Give ye heed to what we say  
We call for a cease-fire today  
We ask what would Jesus do?  
In Palestine, he'd stand for you  
End the war today, end the war today

Good christian friends rejoice  
With heart and soul and voice  
Different views and different faiths  
Can all agree on what's at stake  
No more genocidal wars  
No more bombs at children's doors  
Christ was born for this! Christ was born for this

### **Chestnuts Roasting on An Open Fire**

Recording of original song: [Chestnuts Roasting On An Open Fire](#)

(Shared by Ceasefire Christmas Choir)

What would Jesus do in Palestine?  
He was born there, after all  
What would He preach as we reach Christmastime  
With bombs continuing to fall?

Everybody knows that Muslims are God's children, too  
So let's help make the planet right  
Children in Gaza and Israeli Jews  
Deserve to sleep in peace tonight

We pray that peace is on its way  
We won't send bombs or soldiers from the USA  
And every mother's child is gonna live  
To see that Jesus really taught us to forgive

And so we're offering this simple prayer  
To Christians, Muslims, and to Jews:  
We all deserve love and safety and care  
May God's peace be with you .

For more from the Ceasefire Christmas Choir and Christians organizing Christians for a permanent ceasefire, to stop the genocide in Gaza, and an end to the occupation of Palestine [Click Here](#)