

During the Civil Rights Movement African-Americans composed and sang Protest Songs. Use the following Protest Song and analyze it using the following questions. Teacher will pass out a copy of this song to all students. Allow five minutes for students to answer the questions.

We shall overcome,
We shall overcome.
We shall overcome some day.
Oh, deep in my heart
I do believe
We shall overcome some day.

We shall walk in peace,
We shall walk in peace,
We shall walk in peace some day.
Oh, deep in my heart
I do believe
We shall walk in peace some day.

We shall build a new world,
We shall build a new world,
We shall build a new world some day.
Oh, deep in my heart
I do believe
We shall build a new world some day.

1. Does this song reflect religious beliefs? Explain.
2. What is the purpose of this song? Explain
3. How does this song reflect the feelings during Civil Right Movement? Explain
4. Have students discuss answers to the questions to “We Shall Overcome.”