

PROTEST SONGS

"19 (Nineteen)," by [Paul Hardcastle](#)

This song protests the conscription of young soldiers to fight in the Vietnam War, as young as 19 years old. And the survivors who were traumatized at the senseless destruction and nonsense of war. (In 1965 Vietnam seemed like just another foreign war but it wasn't. It was different in many ways. The average age of the combat soldier fighting in World War II was 26. In Vietnam he was 19)

"Another Brick In The Wall," by [Pink Floyd](#)

No more mind control!

"Black Boys On Mopeds," by [Sinead O'Connor](#)

A song condemning racism / a hate letter to then-British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

"Blackened," by [Metallica](#)

This is a song protesting nuclear warfare and the lack of understanding by governments about the problems it can cause.

"Born In The USA," by [Bruce Springsteen](#)

This song protests the way that middle class Americans were treated in the era of "Reganomics."

"Brothers In Arms," by [Dire Straits](#)

Released during the Falklands War and promptly banned by the B.B.C. in the U.K. It's a song about the utter folly of going to war.

"Dogs," by [Pink Floyd](#)

This song is against society in general.

"Electric Funeral," by [Black Sabbath](#)

This is a song protesting nuclear warfare.

"Enola Gay ," by [Orchestral Manoeuvres In The Dark](#)

Against the atom bomb and the destruction of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. "Enola Gay, you should have stayed at home yesterday".

"Fragile," by [Sting](#)

Anti-War song. Nothing ever good comes from violence and nothing ever will.

"Give Peace A Chance?," by Yoko and Sean Ono...with other artists.

A remake of the John Lennon song...."All we are saying, is give peace a chance."

"Is This the World We Created?," by [Queen](#)

About social injustice in the world.

"It's Wrong (Apartheid)," by [Stevie Wonder](#)

"Mandela Day," by [Simple Minds](#)

A song about Nelson Mandela, his fight and the day he was set free.

"Mister Cabdriver," by [Lenny Kravitz](#)

About racism.

Mothers Of The Disappeared," by [U2](#)

Dedicated to all those who have lost a friend or family during wars, riots and other types of violence.

"One World (Not Three)," by [The Police](#)

Protests against the division of the world into rich and poor countries and shows how much of a delusion it is.

"Put Out The Fire," by [Queen](#)

From their 1982 album, Hot Space, this song is against gun ownership. "Put out the fire! You need a bullet like a hole in the head!"

"Russians," by [Sting](#)

Sting sings out against any kind of war, but particularly Nuclear War with the Soviet Union. Some lyrics are, "There is no historical precedent to put the words in the mouth of the President. There's no such thing as a winnable war, it's a lie we don't believe anymore." and the chorus says "Believe me when I say to you, I hope the Russians love their children too."