

**John Brown- Look what you made me do** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SrsIt1dB1dw>

I just can't stand slavery  
It is a sin to me  
Until the slaves are free of their chains, I will stay enraged  
I've heard Truth and Garrison  
Speak of abolition  
Underground Railroad's great  
It's a start, so I did my part

But with the horrible Compromise of 1850  
Kansas-Nebraska Act letting popular sovereignty  
Decide if those states will end up free or pro-slavery  
Border Ruffians best watch out, oh!

Ooh, slavery must be through  
I'll do what I must do  
At Pottawatomie Creek I'll sneak up and run 'em through  
Free-Soilers are my crew  
It's what God wants me to do  
Bleeding Kansas so be it  
Slavery, it must be through

And still slavery persists  
But in Massachusetts  
I got my Secret Six backing plans for my violence  
Victory in Kansas and all I hear is freedom, freedom  
But not for the slaves of south, cause their masters still beat 'em  
If slavery is to end one thing's for sure  
We got to fight it like we fight a war

Start a slave rebellion by invading Harper's Ferry  
And seize the weapons that are stored there in the armory  
Called for thousands of men, but just twenty-one will join me  
A saner man, might have just thought twice no!

Ooh! Slavery must be through  
Got the guns we need to  
Go farm to farm and arm the slaves so they can rebel, too  
Wait, we're surrounded, crew  
Farmers, militias too  
Is that Robert E Lee with the Marines?  
This raid is through

So I'm charged with murder, treason, conspiracy  
Sentenced to hang when I am found guilty  
I, John Brown, am now quite certain that the crimes of  
This guilty land can not be purged but with blood  
I'm sorry  
The abolitionist John Brown can't come to the telegram right now  
Oh  
'Cause he's dead

**Dred Scott- Just a Friend** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c3-bKpfGR7I>

Because you once live in free territory  
Let me tell you 'bout Dred Scott's situation  
An enslaved man living in the U.S. nation  
Dred's master took him all over the country  
To states with slaves and to some that were free  
He lived for two years in free Illinois  
'Til his owner Emerson was redeployed  
In Wisconsin Dred met Harriet his love  
And got married not in court but in the eyes of God above  
Emerson got married but soon he died  
And ownership passed to his widowed bride  
Dred asked her manumit him but she refused  
He said "here's 300 dollars," she said "you're too much to lose"  
He took his case to court, they said the Scotts they should be free  
Because they used to live in, the free territory  
The Supreme Court then reversed the ruling that had been made  
They said "you're not a man, you're only just a slave"  
C'mon on, I'm not even goin' for it  
This is what I'm goin' sing  
You, know he should be free but you say he's just a slave  
And you say he's just a slave, oh Taney  
You, know he should be free but you say he's just a slave

But you say he's just a slave, Supreme Court  
You, know he should be free but you say he's just a slave  
But you say he's just a slave  
So Dred lost his court case, was denied his freedom  
And that's a shame but why you have to heed him  
Because the verdict, it changed the game  
And drove abolitionists insane  
Travel to the free states no more made you free  
And perhaps these free states had no right to be  
The Supreme Court said, that Congress had no right  
To restrict slavery, in territories a'ight,  
In case you don't know what this implies  
Remember Missouri Compromise  
It now violated the Constitution  
Now slavery could go up north and now it could spread  
Chief Justice Taney spoke of rights for Dred  
Oh, snap! Guess what he said?  
“No rights which the white man was bound to respect”  
Blacks have no rights, they're not citizens  
So this has to be the worst decision made  
When they told poor Dred Scott that he's only just a slave  
Don't give me that. Don't even give me that. Bust this!  
You, know he should be free but you say he's just a slave  
And you say he's just a slave, oh Taney  
You, know he should be free but you say he's just a slave  
But you say he's just a slave, Supreme Court  
You, know he should be free but you say he's just a slave  
But you say he's just a friend

**Compromise of 1850- Shake it Off** [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e\\_c\\_xpBaT2A](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e_c_xpBaT2A)

Thought we were okay

We said with Missouri

No more slavery (no no)

above 36 30 (no no)

After the Mexican War,

We had so much more,

Land than we had had before (woah woah),

Stretch from shore to shore (woah woah),

And we moved west and

Destiny manifesting,

Gotta let the rest in,

They want to be states but that will upset this tie,

And the South will want them slave, slave, slave, slave, slave,

And the North will want them free, free, free, free, free,

And here comes Henry Clay, Clay, Clay, Clay, saying compromise, compromise!

And Calhoun wants them slave, slave, slave, slave, slave,

And Webster wants them free, free, free, free, free,

And here comes Henry Clay, Clay, Clay, Clay, saying compromise, compromise!

So California's free,

No slave trade in DC,

Two new territories,

with popular sovereignty,

A Fugitive Slave Law (what about the one we got),

Worse than the one before (better warn Dred Scott),

In Kansas-Nebraska,

They're having massacres,  
Territories bleeding,  
Sumner took a beating,  
South may be seceding if we mess with their so-called "states rights!"  
The South still wants their slaves, slaves, slaves, slaves, slaves,  
And the North wants to be free, free, free, free, free,  
And that all may go away, way, way, way, cause we compromised, compromised!  
And this is gonna lead, lead, lead, lead, lead,  
Southern states to secede, -cede, -cede, -cede, -cede,  
'Cause we all agreed, -greed, -greed, -greed, to the compromise, compromise!  
Hey, hey, hey, just think, while you've been sitting home reading Harriet Beecher Stowe and Uncle Tom's Cabin,  
You could have been in Illinois listening to this sick speech:  
A house divided cannot stand,  
I believe this government can't endure,  
permanently, half slave, half free,  
It'll become all one thing, or all the other!

### **North vs. South- Cheap Thrills** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v= hGu2NyCAkE>

C'mon, c'mon, this Confederation  
Has had enough of Northern oppression  
Fight for what is right, and this secession  
Is to keep our life, that's our motivation  
And we know terrain, know the home field  
That is all we need  
We have the best officers  
Including General Lee  
We're prepared for a defensive war, gonna win the fight  
(The Civil War)

Better with guns and horses, son, gonna win the fight

(The Civil War)

We may have less factories

But England is our trade buddy (not quite)

We don't even have to win

We'll just wait until you boys give in

C'mon, c'mon, you have had your fun

Do you really think you're fooling anyone

You're not your our country, you're part of the Union

And I won't abide this house division

We got the greater population

Like 2.5 to one

We've got the cash, our railroad's fast

Admit it, Lee, you're done

Tell me you'll do when your supplies are through once we've blocked your ports

(The Civil War)

And your President, Jefferson Davis, I here he comes up short

(The Civil War)

In the North we still grow food

Your cash crops, they won't taste very good

We're powered by industry

You're powered by slavery

We've got this war already won

Then how do you explain Bull Run

(Oh, oh)

We're in for more than I thought before gonna be a long fight

(The Civil War)

The North is still here, they ain't going nowhere, gonna be a long fight

Got the resources we need  
We're fighting for liberty  
We fight to preserve the Union  
It's Richmond vs Washington

**Civil War- All I want for Christmas [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y9Yh\\_QRTyNU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y9Yh_QRTyNU)**

South Carolina seceded  
'Fore I'm sworn as president  
They fear they'll be mistreated  
And I'll punk their government  
And I'll take their slaves away  
10 more states will break away  
The South bids adieu  
Civil War has torn this country in Two  
Tensions explode at Fort Sumter  
North vs. South and now it's on  
This should be a quick fight for us  
Woah, we got whooped at Bull Run  
South may have the better generals  
Robert E. Lee and Jackson  
Still, we'll squeeze them to submission  
With the Anaconda plan  
Grant fights down Mississippi  
Shiloh's massive causalities  
New Orleans's has turned blue  
Civil War has torn this country in two  
Two, baby  
Battles raging in the South now

With just a few exceptions  
Lee sneaks North, his plan's discovered  
Brutal fight at Antietam  
Shortages on food, supplies  
Throughout the Confederacy  
Suspending habeas corpus  
Is Lincoln's dissent strategy  
Disease is deadliest of all  
On bases, battles, hospitals  
Each 3 dead, it killed 2  
Civil War has torn this country in two  
Two, baby  
The Emancipation Proclamation frees the slaves  
Except in border states, for them this law is waived  
Pickett's Charge, July 3rd  
Union wins Gettysburg  
Four score and seven year our nation's made  
To honor those who died, we must continue to fight  
Sherman's marching to Atlanta  
Destroying all in his path  
Union army's taking Richmond  
Lead by Ulysses S. Grant  
At Appomatox Court House  
Lee Surrenders for the South  
Conflict's finally through  
Civil War has torn this country in two  
Two, baby

**South has succeeded- Hooked on a feeling**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pDgbXqxe7SQ>

The south of the city the country  
proceed into civil war back in 1860  
Lincoln water games Democratic  
candidates Breckinridge handle glass the  
southern states going round the full day  
long the boys with linguine in the White  
House so behind no choice but Jesus down  
in Charleston birth by February it was  
six states worth  
ah the South Mississippi the country  
preceded Windu Civil War we are not  
enemies but friends we must not be  
enemies no passion fair strained it must  
not break our bonds of affection on  
April 4 Sumter the tactical  
the window - oh wow  
welcome back class there you go the  
South is a scenic fort sumter has been  
attacked and the civil war has begun

**Reconstruction- Shape of you** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EKliSbde4Fs>

Now that the Civil War is finally over  
4 answers I need to know  
How to rebuild the South, 'cause it is a mess  
How to bring 'em back into the fold  
With emancipation,for the 4 million just freed  
Will it be fair society?  
Will the Congress, the president, or the locals

Be the ones to lead the way?  
And now I'm wishing that

We still had dear Abe Lincoln  
Johnson's the President and first to lead  
He be granting amnesty  
Pardoning those who ask him please  
Radical Republicans  
Want the South to pay, not making it that easy  
Both parties have to agree  
The South must pass Amendment 13

Congress pass the Civil Rights Act  
Johnson vetoes, it won't enact  
Congress overrides him back  
This is Reconstruction  
The South is split into 5 zones  
That were militarily run  
They impeach but can't convict Johnson  
This is Reconstruction

And the Fourteenth Amendment  
This is Reconstruction  
Giving due process, equal protection  
This is Reconstruction

For freed blacks, there's a sudden impact  
They're freed with nothing, no place to go  
So to help 'em adjust, get educated and such  
Congress set up the Freedman's Bureau  
And now the black men can vote  
They did and some men of note even won Congressional seats  
But soon the Black Codes were passed, to limit their chances  
Making an Antebellum repeat  
Codes were saying like

Get back to the plantation  
It's jail or work, no choice, it's like slavery  
Sharecroppers rarely did see  
Little profit after paying their fee  
Fifteenth Amendment was won  
Granting suffrage to all men allegedly  
Poll taxes stopping many

Grandfather clauses, testing literacy

Northerners came to help or gain  
Carpetbaggers became their names  
Scalawags were hated the same  
This is Reconstruction  
Secret groups like the Ku Klux Klan  
Formed in hate and in racism  
Terrorizing newly freed African Americans  
This is Reconstruction

Amnesty Act grants pardons  
(This is Reconstruction)  
Former Confederates can vote again  
This is Reconstruction

This is Reconstruction, come on  
This is Reconstruction, come on

U.S. Grant becomes President  
Surrounded by ugly corruption  
Economy hits a depression  
End of Reconstruction  
Democrats regain the South  
And now the North ain't caring about  
Southern issues, when Hayes is given election  
It's the end of Reconstruction

#### Andrew Johnson- Under Pressure- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0VMg9C1zGuY>

The Civil War is now over.

Let's see what's in store.

Pressure, to rebuild the South,

to unite the nation back as one.

Under pressure, and with Lincoln dead,

It falls on my head: Reconstruction.

With all black folks free,

The South covered in debris,

We must, must act quickly.

(Thaddeus Stevens)

Us Radical Republicans want to punish the South,

Take all of their old leaders and throw 'em out!

But the South has, pledged it's loyalty, and ratified Amendment 13,

So I guess, Reconstruction's done.

(Thaddeus Stevens) No way!

Black codes all around, it's pretty much the same.

We have to grant, citizenship to former slaves!

That's the states' jobs, I'd say no. You try to pass 'em, I'll veto.

The Civil Rights Act?

I'm a veto, veto.

Reconstruction Acts?

I'm a veto,

veto,

veto,

veto!

You're a terrible President, for the vetoes you tried,

But Congress has the power to override!

Firing Stanton, exceeds your reach,

And now time for you, to be impeached!

(Edmund Ross)

Well it might have been wrong to can Stanton,  
Under the Tenure of Office Act,  
But finding Johnson guilty would also be wrong,  
I say not guilty!

(Thaddeus Stevens)

Well don't celebrate 'cause you're not reelected,  
In 1868, U.S. Grant,  
Becomes the 18th President,  
But things turn bad, turn bad, turn bad, turn bad, turn bad....  
'Cause Grant's friends are selfish scoundrels,  
And the North loses interest in  
The people newly freed,  
And the South holds them down,  
With Jim Crow and poverty

And the Klan. And with the Election of, Rutherford B. Hayes,  
This marks the end...

Of Reconstruction,  
Of Reconstruction,  
Reconstruction

### **Transcontinental Railroad- Havana** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=44Xusv2gdGY>

The Railroad, yeah, it's on  
It's the Transcontinental Railroad, it's so long  
Built by two Pacifics, Central and the Union  
We finally have a connection

Between our two great oceans  
Transcontinental  
What is the use of Manifest Destiny  
From sea to shining sea  
If traveling west takes an eternity  
Death by dysentery  
We need a railway to stretch the country  
It'd cost too much to build  
Pacific Railroad Act is what we need  
Government be like  
Choo-choo... We'll offer a subsidy to any railway company  
That be laying track  
Choo-choo... Land around their tracks for free, no laissez faire  
We'll pay, just get us there  
Omaha, Nebraska  
Is the start, then the Plains  
Over the Sierra Mountains  
Finish Sacramento, California  
The two sides meeting up in Utah  
A golden spike is called for  
Connecting shore to shore  
Civil War's finally over, let's get to it  
Out west, Central Pacific's gonna build it with Chinese immigrants  
Paid just a dollar per grueling day  
Decade later, pass laws to keep Chinese away  
In the east Is the Union Pacific using men coming from Ireland  
Ex-slaves and Germans  
Over Plains they're flyin', laying nine or ten miles (per day)

1869 in Promontory  
May 10th, it finally  
Is completed, now so quickly  
You can travel our vast country  
The railroad's bringing ya  
Westward to homestead, and will make the goods cheaper  
It links the west to the rest of America  
In barren lands, cities will now grow  
Populations will explode  
Transcontinental Railroad

**Women's suffrage- Baby its cold outside-**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HnzQDVE8R6Y>

Oh I really should vote  
Baby you cant decide  
Like Jefferson wrote  
But baby your brain would be fried  
All men are created equal  
Your head would be wreaked  
You're not a man last time I checked  
Like Elizabeth Cady Stanton  
What's she ranting  
Said at old Seneca falls  
What did they close the malls?  
Women are created equal  
Sounds deceitful  
You cant keep us out of the halls  
She sure got a lot of guts  
Pre-civil war

Most women don't even care  
We joined forces for  
They'd rather not even go there  
Suffrage for women  
Must I suffer again?  
And black men too  
Not bad you got one out of two  
The fourteenth amendment the first time  
Which line  
The word male was even wrote  
Are you sure that that's a direct quote?  
Its really a shame  
But the rules of the game are  
That women cannot vote  
My voice should be heard  
I hear it all the time  
And that's not absurd  
I think were doing just time  
Just ask most of the  
Ill ask you this  
States in the west  
Who wants to wed a suffragist  
In Finland and in Australia  
To there ill mail ya  
And even in Germany too  
What did those Germans do?  
Women have been granted suffrage  
True or just alleged

Is Kaiser more democratic than you?

Maybe I should think this all through

Women like Carrie Catt

Is that the one touring out west?

And Alice Paul

She's not eating in protest

They wont stop campaigning

Or complaining

Till we get our rights

It looks unladylike for you to fight

So you better pass this amendment

Whys it so important

And double voters nationwide

Maybe they will vote for my side

So what do you say?

In 1920

Women can decide

### Progressive Era- Umbrella <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ddce6KWpcGg>

There was a rage coming off of the Gilded Age

The people wanted change, someone to regulate

To fix society, one plagued by pain and greed

And to make government fair. The Progressive Era

Here's the Muckrakers exposing corruption

The Shame of Cities by Steffens

How the Other Half Lives

Shows conditions of life you won't believe  
Sinclair's The Jungle's disgusting  
Ida Tarbell got us discussing  
Shady tactics of Rockefeller  
Welcome to the Progressive Era  
Era-era-eh-eh-eh  
It's the Progressive Era  
Era-era-eh-eh-eh-eh-eh-eh  
Three Presidents, starting with Roosevelt  
Square Dealing for the 3 C's, busting up corporate greed  
But Taft wants to bust them all, good or bad, they all must fall  
Bull Moose decides to run, Wilson wins the election  
Meanwhile, 16th Amendment taxing income  
17th makes direct election  
Of the Senators at last  
Prohibition is 18, how did it pass  
Women are finally granted suffrage  
Voting rights no longer abridged  
19th Amendment is another  
Triumph of the Progressive Era  
Era-era-eh-eh-eh  
It's the Progressive Era  
Era-era-eh-eh-eh-eh-eh-eh  
Civil rights, they don't advance for African Americans  
In these decades  
Washington and Du Bois can't agree  
Ida B. Wells implores for the anti-lynching cause  
Unions, if you're white, male, and skilled, AFL

The Wobblies were for everyone else  
Limiting child labor  
Better working conditions for him and her  
You'd think that we'd learn a lesson  
In the 20s, there's regression  
Still the U.S. was made the better  
By gains of the Progressive Era

**Boss Tweed- Baby <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BKRkEKi0Qw0>**

In New York City, the Gilded Age  
Being corrupt was, it was the rage  
But William Tweed, he was the king  
And led the Tammany Hall political machine  
Stealing and bribery, they were his craft  
Boss Tweed used dishonest graft  
Coerced immigrants to vote him  
Then shaved off their beards and made them vote again  
And I'm like  
Boss Tweed, Boss Tweed, Boss Tweed, oh  
Your Tammany, Tammany, Tammany Hall  
Is so corrupt, and worst of all  
It's off the taxpayer's dime  
Boss Tweed, Boss Tweed, Boss Tweed, oh  
You won't stop 'til you steal it all  
But you're in store for such a fall  
You greedy man of your time

Just look at the New York County Courthouse  
Where you stole most of the massive payouts  
Thousands for singles chairs, ten grand thermometers  
For each dollar paid, Boss Tweed, 2 bucks made  
Can't anyone help? Call Thomas Nast  
And his political cartoons expose Tweed at last  
Tweed's going down, down, down  
Even if you couldn't read, his pictures showed the greed  
Goodbye now!  
Boss Tweed, Boss Tweed, Boss Tweed, oh  
Your Tammany, Tammany, Tammany Hall  
Is so corrupt, and worst of all  
It's off the taxpayer's dime  
Boss Tweed, Boss Tweed, Boss Tweed, oh  
You won't stop 'til you steal it all  
But you're in store for such a fall  
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**Theodore Roosevelt- 24k Magic <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N4hV1OBeC4g>**

He strides  
To live the strenuous life  
Progressive, he'll make things right  
Never backed down from a fight  
Bully! Teddy Roosevelt is coming through  
Making a Square Deal for you  
Theodore Roosevelt for President  
Manliest of men

Delighted!

I once was sickly (sickly)

Ailing (Ailing)

I was an asthmatic kid

I hit the woods

I grew strong

Went out west and conquered the Badlands

Assistant Secretary

Of the Navy

Until the Maine went kaboom

Led the 1st Volunteer Cavalry

I'm taking San Juan Hill in Cuba soon

I'm a dangerous man when I'm with my Rough Riders

Bully!

As the New York Governor I feel I'm steward of the people

Bully!

Can't hide me as V.P. someone just shot McKinley

Bully!

President now

Teddy Roosevelt is coming through

Making a Square Deal for you

Theodore Roosevelt for President

Manliest of men

Delighted!

Second verse for the Robber

Barons

Captains of Industry

Watch your back, (uh oh) the Sherman Act (uh, oh)

Is busting up your monopolies

Next, save our Earth, we'll conserve

Something smells like a rotting turd (uh oh)

That's not fresh

It's smelling like The Jungle

Hashtag blech

Meat Inspection Act

I'm a dangerous man when I'm in the Oval Office

Bully!

Russia and Japan are friends, the Nobel Prize, it goes to me

Bully!

I'm a man with a plan

Make a Panama Canal

Bully!

It's my corollary

Teddy Roosevelt is coming through

Making a Square Deal for you

Theodore Roosevelt for President

Manliest of men

Delighted!

(Wooh)

Everywhere I go I'm sure to

Speak so softly

Everywhere I go I carry

Such a big stick

Run in 1912 they be like

He's a Bull Moose

So, so close

Almost president again

Theodore Roose-, Theodore Roosevelt

What's my name?

Theodore Roose-, Theodore Roosevelt

What's my name?

Theodore Roose-, Theodore Roosevelt

Easy's life a waste

Dare to be great

Just think what would Teddy Roosevelt do?