DAN+ CLAUDIA ZANES

YOUR GUIDE





### Let's say everybody's together at the table

—people of all ages, eating, drinking, laughing, chattering about this and that. Outside the sun is setting. Kids tune in or run around. Old folks reminisce about where they've been, contemplate where they're at, and dream about where they might be going. It's a long and winding conversation about love, freedom, and community. There is reflection and there is joy.

This record is our conversation, for people of all ages, about some of the unprecedented and unforgettable things we experienced in 2020—which are also things that human beings experience all the time. It was written and recorded in Baltimore—a place we love and yet barely know.

e'd been living here for only three months when COVID-19 hit and a national state of emergency was declared in March. Everything came to a screeching halt! In our desire to be useful (if possible) we said, Let's record a video of a new song every day until this is over.



### A "SOCIAL ISOLATION SONG SERIES."

We'll serve up songs that people can sing with each other. Many of the musicians we knew were separated from each other but our band of two was under one roof, we could do it. We dressed up, announced our intentions, sang the country blues "Saro Jane," and put it online. People liked the idea. We imagined this would continue for a month or two.

### Two hundred musical days

later we wrapped it up.

Something happened during that experience. Our thoughts about music became bigger and broader. We started to realize more clearly what folk singers have always known:

songs are here to inspire and uplift but they're also here to tell the stories and reflect the times.

During the Song Series (now housed in the Library of Congress Digital Archives), families wrote in to say that our videos had become a useful way to start conversations. Fans who hadn't been able to attend one of our concerts could now listen to us every day (with different outfits and backdrops!). We heard from listeners outside the country who wrote to say that they

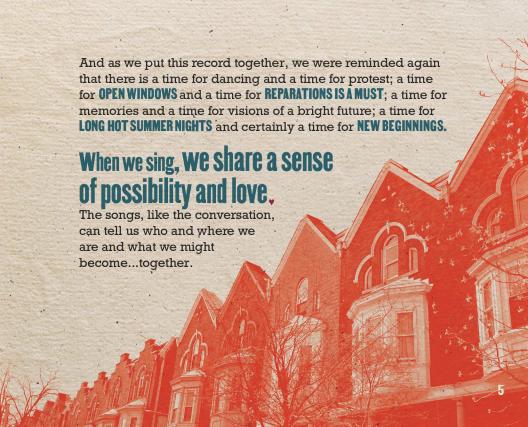
were grateful for our perspective on events as they played out in America. Other people let us know that they felt lonely and these videos were bright spots along the way.

### During those 200 days we felt anything but isolated.



As we looked out of our back door, walked the streets of our neighborhood, listened to WEAA on the radio, and took our infrequent trips to the grocery store, there we were, in Baltimore, a city addressing and healing from past wounds, a city so rich, so beautiful, so complex and kaleidoscopic that we may never fully understand it.

A city of artists, thinkers, leaders, organizers, believers, and dreamers. A city of inspiration and hope.





LET LOVE BE YOUR GUIDE FOR JOHN LEWIS

John Lewis, a Georgia congressman and civil rights icon, died on July 17th, 2020. In the final weeks of his life he wrote an op-ed for the New York Times entitled "Together, You Can Redeem the Soul of Our Nation." He arranged to have it published on the day of his funeral.

### TALK ABOUT A MIC DROP!

We were so moved by the piece and by the words that were spoken about John Lewis during his funeral that we sat in our kitchen that afternoon and wrote this song.



There's something I must tell you now Let love be your guide The longing of the human heart knows how to Let love be your guide

I stood among you and I knew Let love be your guide It was clear what you were here to do Let love be your guide

Be your guide when you're weary Be your guide when you're unsure The winds of change are on your side Let love be your guide

History tells us this is not new Let love be your guide Yesterday's lessons still hold true Let love be your guide The nightmare it was deep and long Let love be your guide Now the wind is troubled with the sweetest song Let love be your guide

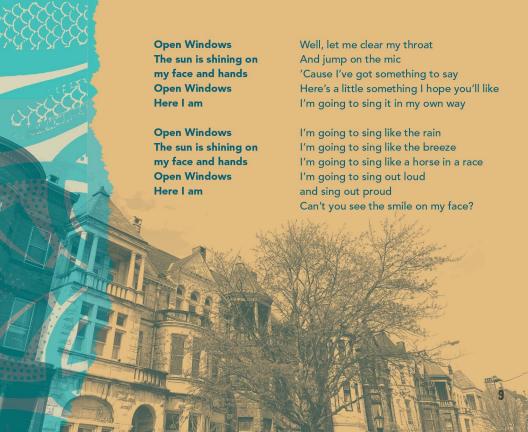
### Be your guide when you're weary...

I may not be with you when the day is done Let love be your guide But I know you'll be marching 'til the peace is won Let love be your guide

#### Be your guide when you're weary...

♥ Amadou Kouyate KORA







It's community, baby! We were thinking about **East Flatbush**, the **Brooklyn** neighborhood we lived in before moving to Baltimore. This is our tribute to a magical place where dancehall, soca, and kompa rocked the backyard parties. The smell of grilling fish and jerk chicken and weed drifted

down the block. In the evenings, the comfort of air conditioning was no competition for the laughter of the neighbors sitting in their folding chairs out on the sidewalks.

And the STARS in your eyes? Maybe those are the fireworks that light up the night starting on Memorial Day and crackle through to the mighty Labor Day / Carnival weekend when the summer abruptly ends.

In the conversation, a father, in the September of his years, looks at his daughter and says, "Remember that?"

Every ray of the sun tells you it's endless But the clouds in the sky say, "No, it won't last." So take the cool morning dreams when you would lie awake In thoughts of a better time Don't let them pass

Try and hold on And remember When September comes Think of all the laughter and the songs we've sung

Through the long hot summer nights When all the neighbors took their chairs outside

And I could see the stars in your eyes Through the long hot summer nights

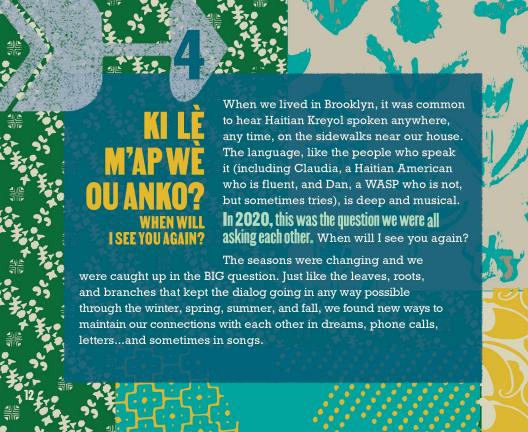
♥ Greg Corneille ORGAN

Now it's work and it's school, no time to linger
As the nights grow cooler and they're gone too soon
Take the joy that you felt when you were dancing
Let it shine, let it shine like the midnight moon

Can you hold on And remember...

Through the long hot summer nights...

In my heart, it's true
I believe in August and I believe in you
When you're down and it's cold
There'll be somebody you can
have and hold
Someone you can turn to
Someone who knows about
the long hot summer nights...



Seasons change, the world is turning

Ki Lè m'ap wè ou anko?

Through every day the heart is learning

Ki Lè m'ap wè ou anko?

Anko / Ki Lè m'ap wè ou anko?

When Autumn leaves are slowly falling Ki Lè m'ap wè ou anko? The hunger of the earth is calling Ki Lè m'ap wè ou anko?

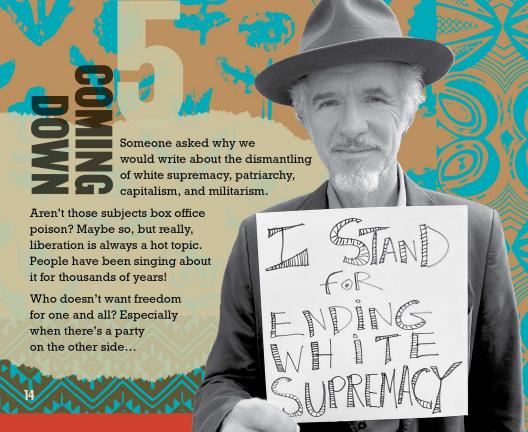
In Winter when the snow is scheming Ki Lè m'ap wè ou anko? Below the ground the roots are dreaming Ki Lè m'ap wè ou anko? Anko / Ki Lè m'ap wè ou anko?

In Spring the dreams will bloom and wonder / Ki Lè m'ap wè ou anko? And lift the spell that we've been under Ki Lè m'ap wè ou anko? The gold of Summer's for the spending Ki Lè m'ap wè ou anko? Knowing that these days are ending Ki Lè m'ap wè ou anko?

When? The sun is asking When? The rain is asking When? The moon at night wonders When will I see you again?

Seasons change, the world is turning Ki Lè m'ap wè ou anko? Through every day the heart is yearning Ki Lè m'ap wè ou anko?





### Can you see it coming down? (x3) Someday we could all be free.

White supremacy / coming down Bars of oppression / coming down Hierarchies / coming down Someday we could all be free

Militarism / coming down Capitalism / coming down Patriarchy / coming down Someday we could all be free

Police departments / coming down Voter suppression / coming down Isolation / coming down Someday we could all be free

The sun will shine and the rain will fall The world will turn and bring the morning to us all One way or another we will choose to love

#### SPANISH LYRICS:

Muros y fronteras basta ya (walls and borders coming down) Las deportaciones basta ya (deportation coming down) Familias separadas basta ya (separated families coming down) Un día seremos libres (someday we could all be free)

Injusticias basta ya (injustice coming down) El racismo basta ya (racism coming down) El odio basta ya (hate coming down) Un día seremos libres (someday we could all be free)

There's a dance tonight, are you coming down?
There's a dance tonight, are you coming down?
There's a dance tonight, are you coming down?
Someday we could all be free
Someday we could all be free
Un día seremos libres

Yesenia Mejia Herrera VOCALS + SPANISH LYRIC
 Greg Corneille ORGAN





Everybody's talking 'bout New Beginnings New Beginnings / New Beginnings Everybody's talking 'bout New Beginnings Don't you want to go?

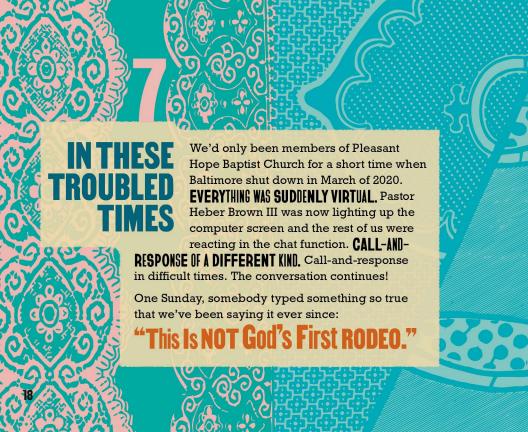
Well, everything is broken now...
All out in the open now...

Who'll be right on time?
Who'll be there in line?
Who'll be left behind?
Who'll come running?
Don't you know that they're coming?

Open up your heart to... Together we can walk through...

There's a moaning in the midnight... A running to the daylight...

Dancing to the rhythm of... Moving to a new love...





God give us the ears
To hear that storm on the water...

In these troubled In these troubled times

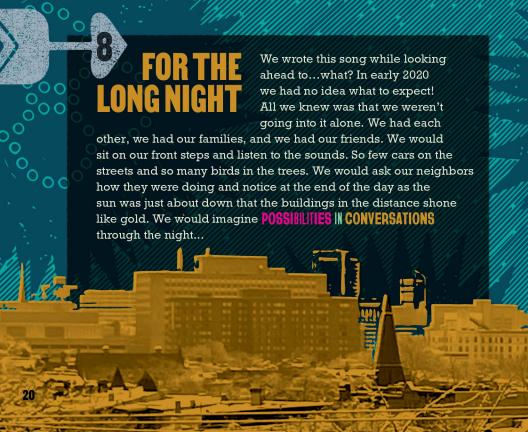
God give us the heart
To feel that storm on the water...

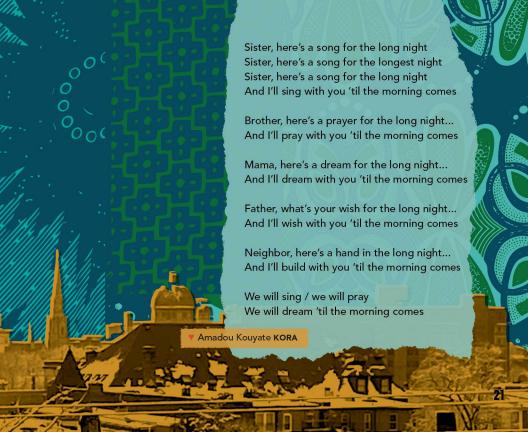
God give us the joy
To dance like a storm on the water...

God give us the strength

To be that storm on the water...

♥ Grace & Phillip Ferrell VOCALS





# THE BRIDGE

Real talk from the Black Queen! Here's a song about the assumptions we make about each other based on appearance.

The question is a solid one—

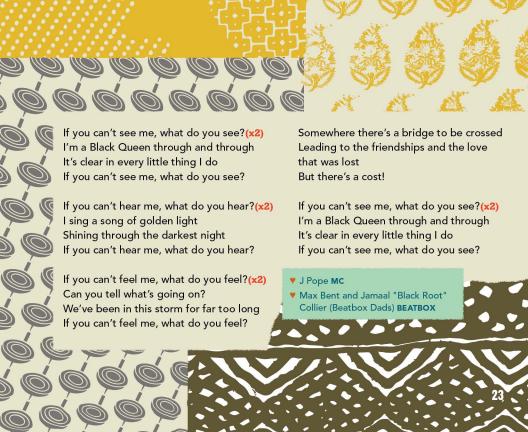
# if you can't see a BLACK QUEEN, what can you see?

The Bridge allows us to get to a place where we can see each other for who we really are and helps us see why we were separated in the first place.

The Bridge is real but for so many of us it remains invisible.









See how the flags are flying

Reparations is a must

While the old ways are quickly dying

Reparations is a must

And the fireworks in the night sky
tomorrow's poisoned dust

Parades across the nation

Oooo / Reparations is a must

The statues and the glory...
The story behind the story...
All the children in their classrooms
and the teachers they're asked to trust
Can write it on the whiteboard...

Through every crowd that blocks the highway...
And the good word from the news team work it out or bust
And the wind that shakes the barley...

Through every park and byway...

At the barbeques and clambakes...
Through the laughter and the milkshakes...
And the sunburns on the front porch
no time to fight or fuss
You all know what to do now...

We'll count our footsteps / elevate our gaze Clear our path / and find another way

Throughout the halls of power...
The song grows by the hour...
But if they can't sing and they won't dance how can they earn the trust
And be invited to the party-o...

Now who needs facts to ponder...
Just grab a map and wander...
If you listen, you'll hear clearly
it was never meant for us
But if you sing "This Land Is Your Land"...

- Reverend Korcoran Smith, Kenan Smith, Lily Smith VOCALS
- Dr. Kaye Wise Whitehead RADIO INTRODUCTION

We're going to hold on to hope.

Hold on to joy.

Hold on to faith.

Hold on to peace.

And in the long shadow of night we're all going

to hold on to each other.





When the shadows come / Hold on When the shadows come / Hold on When the shadows come bringing the midnight There's a darkness before the dawn Hold on / Hold on

As the candles burn...
As the candles burn down in the window
And the ways of the night seem so long
Hold on / Hold on

In the great unknown...
In the great unknown we'll still be singing
Will you add your voice to the song?
Hold on / Hold on

Though we're far apart...
Though we're far apart
here in our weakness
Together we know that we're strong
Hold on / Hold on

Someone's calling out...
Someone's calling out down in the shadows
Trying to find their way home
Hold on / Hold on

♥ Reverend Korcoran Smith, Kenan Smith, Lily Smith **VOCALS** 

Not everyone wants to be tickled.

That's life.

When someone says no, just find someone who's in the mood.

And you will.

That's life, too.

Take the wheel!

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- Kylie Grace, Eva Grace, Haven Grace, and Prince Phillip VOCALS AND LAUGHTER
- ♥ David Morales Mejia

  VOCALS AND LAUGHTER

Arriba means up! / Abajo means down!
Arriba means up! / Abajo means down!
Now move your hands in a circle and go around and around and around
And then take the wheel (take the wheel)
And drive all through the town
And while you're out there
taking a ride, look out!
You might get tickled on your side!

...And if you're driving and you have a wreck, look out! You might get tickled on your neck!

... And while you're driving here and there, look out! You might get tickled everywhere!



# TWO DIFFERENT WORLDS

Let's sing about it... As an interracial couple we live in two different worlds. It would be nutty to pretend we don't. But there's some amount of freedom in knowing what's really going on as we live and love and walk together towards a better tomorrow.

Here's to all the happy mixed couples out there.
Let's talk about it!

Two different worlds we live in side by side Two different worlds we can't pretend We can't run and hide or turn away There are no better days If we can't look and say It's two different worlds

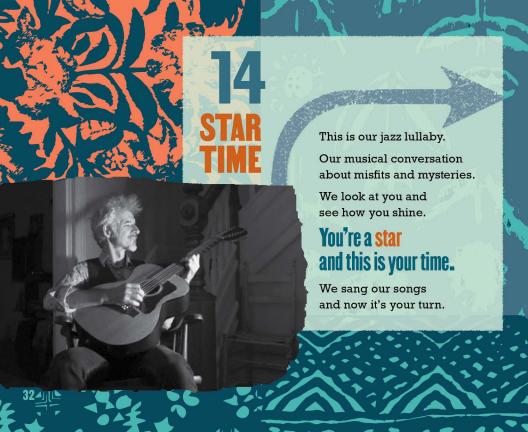
Two different worlds
I just could not see
Two different worlds
dividing lines
right in front of me
Somehow I turned
Lessons were unlearned
But love has to be earned
It's two different worlds

Two different worlds
can we move across the line?
Two different worlds
can we find our way
Through these changing times
and rise above
The tears that tell us of the
challenge to our love
In two different worlds?

The weight of the history behind us
The truth of the story today
The ties that now bind us were put here to pull us apart
And keep it that way
Yeah, yeah

Two different worlds
(so many miles)
We walk them hand in hand
(between you and me)
Two different worlds
(can't turn away)
In fire we're born,
in ashes we will stand
(there's so much still unseen)
And look ahead
(the pain is real)
To where the heart is led
(and we need to heal)
To another life instead
of two different worlds





Another day is winding down Well, just take off your heavy coat and dig this sound
Can you feel it? I wish you would Yeah, the band is here and the jazz is good

And it's star time / Yes, it's star time The curtains of night are pulled back And they all shine

City lights shine out on the sea
The saxophone has wings and
tonight she's free
And the drummer paints
with the deepest blues
While the trombone sings
her tale of love to you

And it's star time...

Well, a crowd arrives just how far they've come

They came to hear of the musical dreams that could rise with tomorrow's sun
The lights grow dim and silence falls
The stage is slowly filled with life and you're a part of it all







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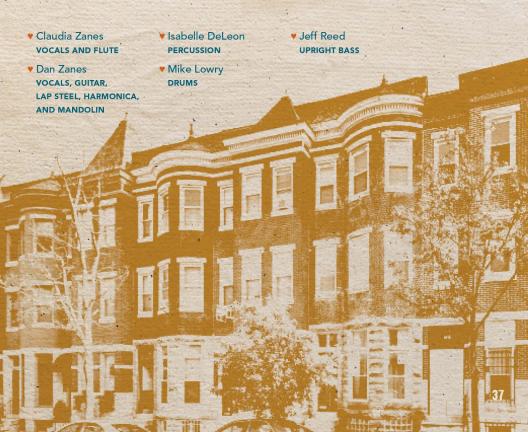
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