

## **Speak Up, Speak Out**

### **A song by Peter Leidy**

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Let me tell you what this song's about  
People startin' to scream and shout  
Say it loud so there is no doubt  
Speak Up, Speak Out

Speaking up can be anyone's choice  
Even if you can't use your voice  
So many ways to make some noise – Hey!  
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We're saying NO to segregation  
Saying NO to discrimination  
And YES we got determination  
Speak Up, Speak Out

We believe in choice, and in freedom  
Got principles and values, and we heed 'em  
Enlisting folks everywhere – we need 'em  
Speak Out, Speak Out

We been doing a lotta thinkin'  
Wanna see the institutions shrinkin'  
That's how it should be in the Land of Lincoln  
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We see a problem and we got a solution  
Let's make a resolution  
And empty the institutions  
Speak Up, Speak Out

We stand for equality  
We stand for rights and dignity  
We stand for Community  
Speak Up, Speak Out

We got ideas we're selling  
We got stories that we're telling  
And when we need to we'll be yelling – Hey!  
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We have the spirit and we're gonna use it  
We want freedom and we're gonna choose it  
We got momentum and they can't refuse it  
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