

Speak Up, Speak Out

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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
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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
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We believe in choice, and in freedom
Got principles and values, and we heed 'em
Enlisting folks everywhere – we need 'em
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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
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We stand for equality
We stand for rights and dignity
We stand for Community
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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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