

## Don't Laugh At Me

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ziLiPVIM2E> (Recorded by Peter, Paul, and Mary 1999)

Theme song of "Operation Respect" initiated by Peter Yarrow - <http://www.operationrespect.org/>

I'm a little boy with glasses, the one they call the geek

A little girl who never smiles

'Cause I have got braces on my teeth

And I know how it feels to cry myself to sleep

I'm that kid on every playground who's always chosen last

A single teenage mother tryin' to overcome my past

You don't have to be my friend but is it too much to ask?

**CHORUS** Don't laugh at me, don't call me names

Don't get your pleasure from my pain

In God's eyes we're all the same

Someday we'll all have perfect wings,

don't laugh at me

I'm the beggar on the corner you've passed me on the street

And I wouldn't be out here beggin' if I had enough to eat

And don't think I don't notice that our eyes never meet

**CHORUS** Don't laugh at me, don't call me names...

I'm fat, I'm thin

I'm short, I'm tall

I'm deaf, I'm blind

Hey, aren't we all?

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## Music Speaks Louder Than Words

Written by Payne, Pease & Scarpiello

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8Lj6gto96KQ>

**CHORUS** Music speaks louder than words

It's the only thing that the whole world listens to.

Music speaks louder than words,

When you sing, people understand.

Sometimes the love that you feel inside

Gets lost between your heart and your mind

And the words don't really say the things you wanted them to.

But then you feel in someone's song

What you'd been trying to say all along

And somehow with the magic of music the message comes through.

**CHORUS** Don't laugh at me, don't call me names

Well I'm fat, I'm thin

I'm short, I'm tall

I'm deaf, I'm blind

In a way we're all

I'm black, I'm white

And I am brown

I'm Jewish, I'm Christian

And I'm a Muslim

I'm gay, I'm lesbian

I'm American Indian

I'm very, very young

I'm quite aged

I'm quite well fed

I'm very, very poor

**CHORUS** Don't laugh at me, don't call me names...

My country, 'tis of thee, oh, sweet land of liberty

It is of thee, that I sing

**CHORUS** Music speaks louder than words...

The longer I live the more I find that people seldom take the time

To really get to know a stranger and make him a friend.

But the power of a simple song can make everybody feel they belong.

Maybe singin' and playin' can bring us together again.

Singin' and playin' can bring us together again.

**CHORUS** Music speaks louder than words...

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## Give Us Hope

by Jim Papoulis – NYC based composer and conductor

Written with lyricists Leo Schaff and Regine Urbach

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l4waRcD3qZs>

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Listen to the sound of my voice.  
Can you feel the beat of my heart?  
Listen to the questions I have.  
Listen to me.

It's all very simple to see what we need.

**CHORUS Give us hope.**

**My voice is calling.**

**Can you see? Look in my eyes.**

**Can you feel? My hand is reaching.**

**Give us hope and we'll show you the way.**

Listen to the sound of my voice.  
Can you feel the beat of my heart?  
Listen to the questions I have.  
Listen to me.

We are the future. Help us believe.

**CHORUS Give us hope...**

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**Take my hand, now look in my eyes.**

**Tell me what you see.**

Give us hope.  
My voice is calling.  
Can you see? Look in my eyes.  
Can you feel? My hand is reaching.  
Give us hope and we'll show you the way.

Give us hope.  
My voice is calling.  
Can you see? Look in my eyes.  
Can you feel? My hand is reaching.  
Give us hope and we'll show you the way.

Show you the way. Show you the way.  
Show you the way.