

Anthem

from

The Pankhurst Anthem

*Commissioned by BBC Radio 3 to mark the 2018 centenary
of women's suffrage in the United Kingdom*

*Lucy Pankhurst
text by Helen Pankhurst*

Melody and words

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'After a long-fought battle, with the 1918 Representation of the People's Act, some women finally won the right to the parliamentary vote in Britain. One hundred years later, we celebrate, echoing Emmeline Pankhurst's words from her famous speech delivered in 1913 at Hertford, Connecticut, USA. The landmark Act was but a partial victory. Women in the UK had to wait another ten years for equal rights at the ballot box and women everywhere are still fighting personal and collective battles for gender equality. We are getting closer though, and this anthem is for us, as we continue the march. It is for us - for today.'

Helen Pankhurst

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REFRAIN:

*I hear the sound of feet
Perpetually beating
The pounding of our hearts as we march on through the streets
A sisterhood of sacrifices made along the way
But now we stand
Today*

VERSE 1:

If we win this hardest of fights
To be sure, the future will be made easier
For women all over the world
To win the fight when their time comes

REFRAIN

VERSE 2:

Our own path, the right to live
To tell our story with what we have to give
So, listen, tho' you may feel alone
This is the sound of those that follow you

FINAL REFRAIN:

*I hear the sound of feet
Perpetually beating
The pounding of our hearts as we march on through the streets
A sisterhood of sacrifices made along the way
But now we stand!
We sing!
We rise!
Today!*

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REFRAIN 1

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I hear the sound of feet, per - pet - u - a - lly beat - ing. The poun - ding of our hearts as we march on through the streets. A

sis - ter - hood of sac - ri - fi - ces made a - long the way, but now we stand. To - day.

VERSE 1

If we win, this hard - est of fights, to be sure, the fu - ture will be made ea - s - ier for wo - men all o - ver the

world, to win the fight when their time comes.

REFRAIN 2

I hear the sound of feet, per - pet - u - a - lly beat - ing. The poun - ding of our hearts as we march on through the streets. A

sis - ter - hood of sac - ri - fi - ces made a - long the way, but now we stand. To - day.

VERSE 2

A voice, a choice, the right to live, to tell our sto - ry with what we have to give. So lis - ten, tho' you may feel a -

lone, this is the sound of those that fo - llow you.

REFRAIN 3

I hear the sound of feet, per - pet - u - a - lly beat - ing. The poun - ding of our hearts as we march on through the streets. A

sis - ter - hood of sac - ri - fi - ces made a - long the way, but now we stand! We sing! We - rise! To day.