

## Let My People Go

**Refrain:**

**Let my people go!  
Keep them no more from justice,  
for all that they want is freedom  
to work and to eat, to learn and to love.  
Then shall they live without fear.  
Parents will play with their children  
working their ancestral land  
and reaping the fruits, sharing their home.  
Let my people go, pharaohs of greed.**

1. Who could deserve such oppression?  
Who is the slave who the free one?  
Terror that makes us all captives will disappear  
when the dawn of peace is free to arise? *Refrain*
2. When will our harvest feed us?  
When will our children be full?  
When will the soldiers be brothers  
and their guns become tools for all to till the soil? *Refrain*
3. When will work not break our bodies?  
When will our husbands come home?  
How long will tyranny prosper?  
Will you turn your hearts from greed O Americans all? *Refrain*
4. When will you hear with your heart,  
see with compassion and love?  
When will repentance free you  
from your need to possess and consume the bread of the poor? *Refrain*
5. Know that your arms and your prisons  
will not be able to smother the cries  
of this bleeding people.  
They shall rise and their thirst for life unites them all. *Refrain*
6. We who have opted for power,  
dressed in silk ties and weapons  
are eaten alive by our fears---  
of what happens when people are free to choose for themselves. *Refrain*