

Knock on the Door Phil Ochs 1964
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In many a time, in many a land
With many a gun in many a hand
They came by the night, they came by the day
Came with their guns to take us away
With a knock on the door, knock on the door
Here they come to take one more
One more
Back in the days of the Roman Empire
They died by the cross and they died by the fire
In the stone coliseum, the crowd gave a roar
And it all began with that knock on the door
Just a knock on the door, knock on the door
Here they come to take one more
One more

Now there's many new words and many new names
The uniforms have changed but the knock is the same
The agents of ICE broadcast their rage
They're trying to make the people afraid.
Of a knock on the door, knock on the door
Here they come
To take one more
It's a know on the door, knock on the door.
Here they come to take one more.
One more

Resist the goons of the strange orange clown,
From South Minneapolis to here in our town,
Open your eyes, see what they do
When they knock for your neighbor, they're knocking for you
With a knock on the door, knock on the door
Here they come to take one more
With a knock on the door, knock on the door
Here they come to take one more, one more

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