

This Little Light of Mine

A song that belongs to everyone.

We often think of this as a children's song, but it started as a spiritual in the early 20th century and was transformed into an anthem of resistance during the US civil rights movement in the 1950s and 1960s. Fannie Lou Hamer, Zilphia Horton, and other legendary activists sang "freedom song" versions of "This Little Light of Mine" and passed them on for others to use. Singers changed the lyrics to reference their struggles, and we continue to call out and create the verses we need!

[Learn more: This Little Light Of Mine' Shines On, A Timeless Tool Of Resistance](#)

Verses that follow were sung at the PYM Giant Children's Meeting, September 27, 2020

**This little light of mine
I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine
I'm gonna let it shine
This little light of mine
I'm gonna let it shine
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!**



Hide it under a bushel? No!

I'm gonna let it shine

Hide it under a bushel? No!

I'm gonna let it shine

Hide it under a bushel? No!

I'm gonna let it shine

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!



Share it with new friends

I'm gonna let it shine

Share it with new friends

I'm gonna let it shine

Share it with new friends

I'm gonna let it shine

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!



Don't let anyone <blow> it out

I'm gonna let it shine

Don't let anyone <blow> it out

I'm gonna let it shine

Don't let anyone <blow> it out

I'm gonna let it shine

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!



All around the world

I'm gonna let it shine

All around the world

I'm gonna let it shine

All around the world

I'm gonna let it shine

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

