# Naming & Addressing Injustice

In response to a Town Hall Meeting about the devastating effects of coal ash on a local community, Yara Allen wrote the powerful call-and-response anthem "Somebody's Hurting My Brother"

### Four Steps to Naming & Addressing Injustice



#### Visit: https://youtu.be/-QlhizB8wsU

Songwriter Yara Allen tells the story of the inspiration of the song and then teaches it as a call and response anthem where the first line changes each time it is sung through.



#### Name an injustice to fill in the blanks

<u>Some examples</u>: Hurting My Sister, Hurting God's Children, Poisoning the Water, Polluting the Planet, Oppressing Our Neighbors...



#### Share or Sing Your New Verse

The beauty of the song is that anyone can add their own verse (drawing from their own experiences with injustice and oppression). Once you write a verse, share it with others.

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## What would it look like not be silent on this issue?

Question

Now that we have named that injustice and sung together that "We Won't Be Silent Any More!" talk/journal/consider what it would look like for you and your community to address it.



Somebody's Hurting My Brother by Yara Allen

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And It's Gone On... Far Too Long Yes It's Gone On.... Far Too Long It's Gone On... Far Too Long Somebody's \_\_\_\_\_ And It's Gone On... Far Too Long ... And We Won't Be Silent Any More!

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