



Occupy World Street: the song

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Well I walked downtown to Zuccotti Park.
 It was 6 p.m. and getting dark
 When I saw a young couple chattin' and drinkin' cokes.
 I asked them what was going on here,
 And the young lady answered loud and clear,
 "We're here to send a message to our folks."

"This land was once the land of the free,
 Of justice and democracy.
 Now America's lost her way and got off track.
 One man one vote was the order then.
 Now our land's been stolen by the money men
 And all of us here are just trying to get it back."

Occupy New York City
 Occupy Santa Fe
 Occupy Cincinnati
 Occupy San José

We might be in Salt Lake City
 Or in Washington D.C.
 Speaking out for human
 Rights and more equality.

The young man said his name was Bob
 And recently he'd lost his job.
 His firm had pulled up stakes and moved offshore.
 "They say it's cheaper in Shanghai
 Where profit rates are record high
 And they don't pay much in taxes anymore".

"The one percenters cheat and steal
 And don't produce a thing that's real.
 Asset speculation is their style.
 These guys are parasites," he said.
 "They ought to get real jobs instead,
 And make a contribution that's worthwhile".

Occupy San Francisco
 Occupy Wichita
 Occupy Sacramento
 Occupy Omaha

Occupy Minnesota
 Occupy Tennessee
 Standing up for nature
 And sustainability

Then I went to Europe to just check out
 What the euro fuss was all about.
 The youth are without jobs and that's the key.
 The young folks want their countries back
 But leaders take a different tack;
 Bank bailouts and more austerity.

The euro was a big mistake;
 A backdoor to a Eurostate
 That citizens would rather be without.
 The people want a deal that's fair
 Where bankers pay their rightful share.
 Until that day they'll roam the streets and shout.

Occupy Copenhagen
 Occupy Birmingham
 Occupy Londonderry
 Occupy Amsterdam

We are camping out in Athens
 As we make a final plea:
 "We'd rather leave the euro
 Than have more austerity."

We will occupy Milano
 Occupy Luxembourg
 Occupy Barcelona
 Occupy this whole world

Now our numbers they are growing,
 And we won't accept defeat,
 Time to end injustice;
 Time to Occupy World Street

Time to end injustice.....

Time to Occupy World Street

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