Spanning centuries, nations and social classes, protest songs and protest poetry have offered powerful aural and oral testimonies to the sufferings and inequities inflicted by the relentless forces of capitalist heteropatriarchy. Our final event in the "Dissent!" theme will showcase performances of protest music and poetry that allow subaltern, resistant and aggrieved communities to catapult their grievances into the public sphere. From the seamen plying the global waves of trade for rapacious masters and laboring women seeking gender justice to the many kinds of global migrants, forced and voluntary, whose crossings and cultures have immeasurably enriched and yet disturbed first world nations: protest songs and poetry provide platforms for solace, recognition, encouragement and mourning, allowing us to see our world, and the possibilities for its change, in new ways.

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