

# 20. A bouquet of sunflowers and thistles

In August 2020, there was a Black Lives Matter demonstration outside Tottenham police station. Passing along the High Road after this peaceful protest was over, I saw a bouquet of sunflowers and thistles propped against the fence. It seemed deeply symbolic, so I wrote this song.

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'MY BONNIE LIES OVER THE OCEAN'

Trad. Scottish, arr. Roo Stewart

D                    G                    Gsus4                    G                    Gsus4

1. A        bou - quet    of        sun - flow'rs    and        this - tles \_\_\_\_\_ lay  
 2. Sharp    this - tles    here        stand    for    the        strug - gle, \_\_\_\_\_ harsh  
 3. Bright    sun - flow'rs    then        tell    of    this        won - der, \_\_\_\_\_ the  
 4. This        bou - quet    of        sun - flow'rs    and        this - tles \_\_\_\_\_ re -

Em7                    A7                    Dsus4                    D

propped    by        the        p'lice    sta -    tion        door; \_\_\_\_\_ a  
 suff - 'rings    al -    rea -    dy        en -    dured, \_\_\_\_\_ and  
 joy    that    cre -    at -    ive    -    ness        brings; \_\_\_\_\_ black  
 minds    us        of        truths    we        should        know; \_\_\_\_\_ let's

G                    Gsus4                    G                    Em7

B - L - M        gift    of        re -    mem -    brance, \_\_\_\_\_ a  
 how    we,    our    -    selves,    will    face    -    mem -    bers, \_\_\_\_\_ till  
 gif -    ted -    ness    crushed    by    in -    just -    ice, \_\_\_\_\_ that  
 rise,    then,    to        take    on    the        chal -    lenge \_\_\_\_\_ of

Am7 D G Gsus4 G

shout - out for just - ice, and more.  
 just - ice for all is en - sured.  
 nur - tured and cher - ished grows wings.  
 help - ing God's just - ice to grow.

G G/B C Am7 D

Weep on but keep on re - sist - ing to -

G/B D/A G G/B C

geth - er, stood side by side. Stay strong to fight

Am7 D D7 G Gsus4 G

wrong, 'til no - one has just - ice de - nied.