

Just One Voice
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In the beginning there was a voice
Just a quiet voice
Nothing of importance
Just one voice

But then,
There was another voice
Just a little louder
Nothing of importance
Just two voices

Until one day
Just as before,
Two voices
When twenty voices joined
Twenty-two voices
All together

Every day from then on
Twenty,
Thirty,
Fifty,
Eighty voices
Would join those two
Softly chanting
In the beginning
Then roaring loud
Until they went home again

Every day
They would come
They would roar
They would go home

Then they stopped going home
Still people were joining them
Now they would shout through the night

It got hard
Police officers
Dogs
Assassins
Would be pitted against them
But they didn't stop
They continued to stay the night
To shout until their dry lungs
Couldn't take a breath

And then one day
The change came
Small at first
Just baby steps
But it came
As the crowds felt joy
The change came

And it all started with just one voice