

# How to Write Ultimate Protest Songs

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You have to use your imagination  
To get across the situation  
You can simplify or overstate  
To make it easier to relate  
You can go right over the top  
With a list of things you want to stop  
Or you can concentrate on just one wrong  
And make it easier to sing along  
But if you say "I don't like this"  
(Or that or the other in a big long list)  
Then people write you off as a pessimist  
Providing no alternatives  
Or if you decide to simplify  
And use four-letter words and spit in the sky  
Then they'll chant the slogans and won't even try  
To understand the reasons why  
So perhaps the only way to make clear  
The views you'd like everyone to hear  
Is by taking a piece of everyday life  
And looking at it closer in a different light  
Let's take an example - the way we eat  
Sat at the table and it's all so neat  
Now you can understand that cos that's 'how it's done'  
And it's probably happened to everyone  
Having caught the attention you now decide  
How far to push your thoughts outside  
There's loads of angles, like dining out  
The hunger of the old man whose cash ran out  
The money made by corporations  
Selling bombs not food to starving nations  
You see there's a world-wide scope of affiliations  
Depending how far you wanna stretch imaginations  
Insert a little optimism now and then  
Before complaining becomes a trend  
Repetition defeats the point in the end  
It numbs imagination till it can't comprehend  
So walk the line between humour and gloom  
Amongst the debris there's just enough room  
To keep your mentality going strong  
And create some ultimate protest songs