

19th and early 20th century : protest songs dealt, for the most, part, with three key issues : war, the abolition of slavery and v

NEGRO SPIRITUAL ( "Go Down Moses" )

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*War between  
the USA and  
the United  
Kingdom*

1800

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1840

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[1820.....1835]

**USA and Protest Songs**

**woman's suffrage**

**ownership. Protest songs against slavery, and to promote women's suffrage and temperance.**



Julia Ward Howe wrote "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" 1862

*The Civil War*



"Black National Anthem" by James W. and John R. Johnson 1900

[1870.....1900]

[1905.....1925]



"This Land is your Land" by Woody Guthrie 1933

*Prohibition* 1933

*The Great Depression*



"Sweet Home Chicago" by Robert Johnson 1936



**WORLD WAR II**

This is the time before the boom of protest songs so many songs turned romantic, focusing on how war affected families and love. ( we can notice the songs of Elvis Presley )

**LABOR MOVEMENT VS. McCARTHYISM**  
( Anti-Nuclear Songs )

The protest songs were speaking out against the Vietnam War. They were fighting for the equality between men and women and the female sexual liberation. This is a time of "Flower Power".

**1960's CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT**

Helen Reddy "I'm a Woman"  
1972

*The Vietnam War*

**Vienam Veterans Aga**  
created.



Rosa Parks is arrested  
1955



"The War Drags On" by Mick Softley  
1960



"Give Peace a Chance" by John Lennon  
1969

Graham Nash "Oh! Camil"  
1973

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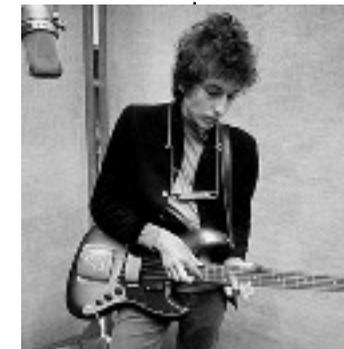
"Daddy's Home" by The Heartbeats  
1961

- Cambodian Campaign announced by Nixon  
- Kent State massacre (Some of college students were shot they were protesting against the Cambodian Campaign)  
1970

The haunting rendition by Billie Holliday is a chilling reminder of the innumerable struggles that African Americans faced in the years following Reconstruction.



"Strange Fruit" by Billie Holliday  
1939



"Masters of War" by Bob Dylan  
1963



"Machine Gun" by Jimi Hendrix  
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**Beginning of the rap and hip-hop's rise, protesting against police discrimination and poverty which blacks faced in the USA.**

Grandmaster Flash "The Message"  
**1982**

Bruce Springsteen "Born in the USA"  
**1983**



Ronald W. Reagan became President of the USA  
**1981**

Ani DiFranco, "Lost Woman Song", the most famous pro-women's rights protest song, protesting against sexual abuse, sexism, and homophobia.  
**1990**



Patti Smith "People Have the Power"  
**1988**

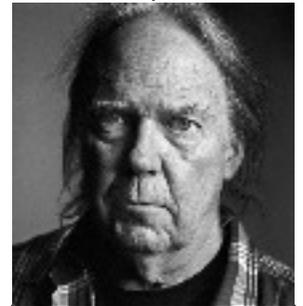
Sonic Youth, "Swimsuit Issues", a song which denounced the way women are showed by the media.  
**1992**

**Protest songs declined in the popularity**



Springsteen, "American Skin (41 shots)", a song which denounces the tensions between the police and imigrants in america, and the shouting of Amadou Diallo.  
**2000**

Tom Waits, "Road to Peace", is a song about the Israeli-Palestinian's conflit.  
**2006**



Neil Young, "Let's Impeach th President", "Living with war" against the president Bush and the war in Irak.  
**2006**

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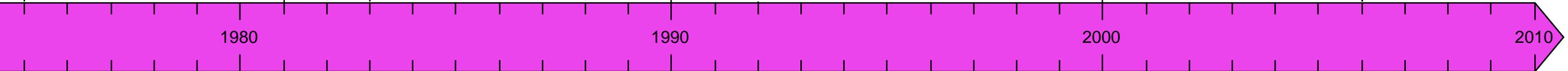


Black Flag "Damaged", punk music, which is about the cold war, and expressing nuclear fear.  
**1981**



Melba Moore, created a moden rendition of "Lift Every Voice and Sing", the "Negro National Anthem" as people called it in 1900.

R.E.M. , "About the Sun" is a protest against the U.S.A. government's actions in the War in Iraq.  
**2004**



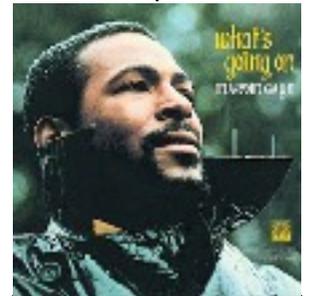
# USA and Protest Song



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Marvin Gaye  
"What's Going On"  
1971

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Rage Against the Machine, the popular social-commentary's band of rap metal, "Killing in the name", against government oppression. The group was encouraging social activism.

1992







