

# Once And For All

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This is the story you wanted to write  
Well, tonight is the night that you can  
Just get this done and by dawn's early light  
You can finish the fight you began  
This time we're in it to stay  
Think about seizing the day  
Think of that train  
As she rolls into old  
Santa Fe ...  
Tell 'em I'm on my way.

See old man Pulitzer snug in his bed  
He don't care if we're dead or alive  
Three satin pillows are under his head  
While we're begging for bread to survive  
Joe, if you're still counting sheep  
Wake up and read 'em and weep!  
You got your thugs with their sticks and their slugs  
Yeah, but we got a promise to keep!  
Once and for all  
Something tells me the tide will be turning  
Once and for all  
There's a fire inside me that won't stop burning  
Now that the choices are clear  
Now that tomorrow is hear  
Watch how the mighty will fall  
For once and for all!  
This is for kids shining shoes on the street  
With no shoes on their feet every day  
This is for guys sweating blood in the shops  
While the bosses and cops look away  
This is to even the score  
This ain't just newsies no more  
This ain't just kids with some pie in the sky  
This is do it or die  
This is war!  
Once and for all  
We'll be there to defend one another  
Once and for all  
Every kid is our friend  
Every friend, a brother  
Five thousand fists in the sky!  
Five thousand reasons to try!  
We're going over the wall  
Better to die than to crawl  
Either we stand or we fall  
For once ... once and for all