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"Once And For All"

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Denton:

This is the story you wanted to write
Well, tonight is the night that you can

Jack:

Just get this done and by dawn's early light
You can finish the fight you began

David:

This time we're in it to stay

Sarah:

Think about seizing the day

Jack:

Think of that train

As she rolls into old

Santa Fe ...

Tell 'em I'm on my way.

Newsies:

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 near

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!!

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