

Do You Hear the Filkers Sing?

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Music: "Do You Hear the People Sing?" From "Les Miserables"

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Dedicated to the committee of Worldcon 75

Do you hear the filkers sing? Singing the song of angry fen.
It is the music of the people who won't touch your con again.
Did you think that fandom would echo the lies you tried to spread?
We will not let you get away with the things you said!

You produced absurd decrees to make sure no work could be done.
Then you hunted for excuses till you could tell us, "Begone!"
Well, you should be happy, we aren't going to be at your con!

Will we join your smear campaign? No, there is not a chance in Hell.
Somewhere beyond your innuendos there's a truth we're going to tell.
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We are going to build a fandom where those tactics have no place.
We will have our disagreements but we'll fairly state our case.
The methods of bullies and cowards we're going to efface.

Will you say that you've been wrong? Will you propose apology?
Somewhere beyond these fannish wars let's build the con we long to see.
But while you play power games, while there are lies you try to spread,
We will not let you get away with the things you said!