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The "Occupy" movement, which started in September, made this an especially timely guest visit for me. My thanks to Danielle for inviting me, to the CoOp regulars for allowing me to make use of their terrific forum, and to those who commented on my posts.

I'll close with this: If "[I Am America,](#)"^[1] sung by Krista Branch, is a plausible Tea Party "anthem," then what anthem might be appropriate for OWS? If, as Frank Pasquale has observed, there is [considerable substantive overlap](#)^[2] between these movements, might this be an anthem for *both*?

The lyrics:

Pay no attention to the people in the street
Crying out for accountability
Make a joke of what we believe
Say we don't matter 'cause you disagree
Pretend you're kings, sit on your throne
Look down your nose at the peasants below
I've got some news, we're taking names
We're waiting now for the judgment day

[Chorus]

I am America, one voice, united we stand
I am America, one hope to heal our land

There is still work that must be done
I will not rest until we've won

I am America

You preach your tolerance, but lecture me
Is there no end to your own hypocrisy
Your god is power, you have no shame
Your only interest is political gain

You hide your eyes and refuse to listen
You play your games and abuse the system
You stuff your pockets while Rome is burning
I've got a feeling that the tide is turning

[Chorus]

I am America, one voice, united we stand
I am America, one hope to heal our land

I will not give up on this fight
I will not fade into the light, I am America

[Bridge]

You stuff your pockets while Rome is burning
I've got a feeling that the tide is turning

[Chorus]

I am America, one voice, united we stand
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I will not give up on this fight
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[1] "I Am America,": <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0heL2Czeraw>

[2] considerable substantive overlap:

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