

# You are invited to join: the first Revolutionary Poetry Project event

**Saturday, March 24, 1 PM**

**Davis Square, Somerville** (255 Elm St., close to the Davis Square Red line T station)

The eight stanzas of poetry (or "lyrics") for this project are online as they appear on our signs one stanza per sign at [newdemocracyworld.org/verses.pdf](http://newdemocracyworld.org/verses.pdf), and formatted to print copies as lyrics for rapping at [newdemocracyworld.org/revolution/This I Believe in rhyme small.pdf](http://newdemocracyworld.org/revolution/This%20I%20Believe%20in%20rhyme%20small.pdf).



**The Golden Rule we learned so well  
Would surely make our country swell.  
But where did rich folks go to school?  
They say, "Who owns the gold should rule."**

We are going to "rap" the poetry as lyrics, and eight of us (at a time) will position ourselves in a line on the sidewalk, wearing signboards, each one with one of the eight stanzas of poetry, blown up to an 18" by 24" sign, as you can see online. The front and back signs will be such that people walking past in either direction will see the stanzas in the proper order.

## The poetry is

- about how we have a fake democracy based on rotten values of billionaire rulers;
- about how the "free enterprise" system is bad for regular people,
- about how there should be economic equality with no rich and no poor in an economy based on sharing according to need, not buying and selling;
- about how real democracy means laws made only at the local level by town hall type meetings and social order on a larger scale based on voluntary federation, not a centralized hierarchical government by supposed "representatives";
- and about why we need a revolution to make our society the way it ought to be. All in iambic tetrameter!

We will ask people who have read (or heard) the poetry to read a short prose version of the poetry (on a clipboard with signatures) and to sign it if they agree with it; the statement is "This I Believe" (online at <http://newdemocracyworld.org/This%20I%20Believe.pdf>.)

## The purpose of collecting these signatures is twofold:

1. We want to let people know that they are not alone in having the revolutionary aspirations that they have. When people sign they will see the other signatures in the clipboard. Also we will spread the word every way we can about how many people have signed.
2. When people see that those with revolutionary aspirations are not a hopelessly powerless minority but rather a potentially powerful majority, then they will for the first time have the confidence to engage in the actual collective actions required to make a revolution and create a new and better society--one that, among many other wonderful things, will not support Zionism or any other oppression.