

Unfinished Business

I wrote this song as an ally, from my non aboriginal perspective. The lyric was inspired by the Uluru Statement from the Heart, especially the phrase referring to 'the unfinished business of Australia's nationhood'.

$\text{♩} = 80$
C F/D C F/C C F/D E \flat F/DC **VERSE 1** C © Suze Pratten 2024

Soprano
Alto
Tenor
Bass

6 F/C C F/C C

happ-ened on_ this land a strong and an-ci-ent peop-le suff-ered at_our hands No I did-n't pull the trig-ger and I
did-n't did'nt wage the
did-n't did'nt wage the

10 F/D E \flat Dm7 Am7/D Dm7 Dm7/G **VERSE 2**

but the dam-age is still with us on -ly the truth can move us forward Well the
did-n't wage the wars but the dam-age is still with us on -ly the truth can move us forward Well the
mp wars dam-age is still with us on -ly the truth can move us forward
mp wars dam-age-is still with us on -ly the truth can move us forward

14 C F/C C

truth just might break my heart but I'll join with hearts a -
truth's not al - ways pret-ty and it just might break my heart but I'll join with hearts al - read-y brok-en a -
truth just might break my heart join with hearts ac-ross this land of ours('aarhs')
truth just might break my heart join with hearts ac-ross this land of ours('aarhs')

17 F/C C F/D

S. cross this land of ours('aarchs') ah what I learned when I was small that the

A. cross this land of ours('aarchs') I can't help but think - ing what I learned when I was small that the

T. ah learned when I was small that the

B. ah learned when I was small that the

20 E b F/D Am7/D Dm7 Dm7/G G/B C E

CHORUS

S. truth can set us free it just might lib-er-ate us all_ fin-ished bus-

A. truth can set us free it just might lib-er-ate us all Cos we got un - fin-ished bus-

T. truth can set us free it just might lib-er-ate us all

B. truth can set us free it just might lib-er-ate us all

24 F A b G/B C E F A b G/B C E

S. - iness un - fin-ished bus - iness un - fin - ished bus-

A. - iness un - fin-ished bus - iness un - fin - ished bus

T. this land was stol-en in our name_ now there's no-one here to blame_

B. this land was stol-en in our name now there's no-one here to blame_

28 F Fm C A \flat G/B C A \flat G/B C F/D

S. - iness Gon-na list-en to the truth make it right let's teach our kids the truth make it right

A. - iness Gon-na list-en to the truth make it right let's teach our kids the truth make it right

T. make it right let's teach our kids the truth make it right

B. make it right let's teach our kids the truth make it right

33 C F/C C F/D E \flat F/DC **VERSE 3** F/C

S. Mak-ar - ra - ta the Yol-ngu say well I'm

A. Mak-ar - ra - ta an a-gree-ment aft - er strug-gle the Yol-ngu say well I'm

T. Mak-ar - ra - ta the Yol-gnu say

B. Mak-ar - ra - ta the Yol-gnu say

38 C F/C C F/D

S. hum - bled kind of blown a-way that af - ter all aft - er all this pain that this

A. hum-bled by the i - dea kind of blown a-way that af - ter all this strug-gle - aft - er all this pain that this

T. hum-bled and blown a-way aft - er all aft - er all this pain this

B. hum-bled and blown a-way aft - er all this pain this

42 E \flat F/D Am7/D Dm7 **CHORUS** Dm7/G G/B C E

S. strong and anci-ent peo - ple still wan-na walk with me this way - - un - fin-ished bus-

A. strong and anci-ent peo - ple still wan-na walk with me this way - Cos-we got un - fin-ished bus-

T. strong and anci-ent peo - ple still wan-na walk with me this way - - - -

B. strong and anci-ent peo - ple still wan-na walk with me this way - - - -

46 F A \flat G/B C E F A \flat G/B C E

S. - iness un - fin-ished bus - iness Un - fin-ished bus

A. - iness Un - fin-ished bus__iness un - fin - ished bus

T. - this land was stol-en in our name__ now there's no-one here to blame__

B. - this land was stol-en in our name now there's no-one here to blame__

N.B. 'Makarrata' is a word from the Yolngu language. This direct quote from the Uluru Statement from the Heart explains the idea of Makarrata:

'Makarrata is the culmination of our agenda: the coming together after a struggle. It captures our aspirations for a fair and truthful relationship with the people of Australia and a better future for our children based on justice and self-determination. We seek a Makarrata Commission to supervise a process of agreement-making between governments and First Nations and truth-telling about our history.'

50 F Fm C A \flat G/B C A \flat G/B C

S. - iness__ Mak-ar-ra - ta Treat-y, make it right Mak-ar-ra - ta Treat-y, make it right

A. __ iness Mak-ar-ra - ta Treat-y, make it right oh Mak-ar-ra - ta Treat-y, make it right

T. make it right Mak-ar-ra - ta Treat-y, make it right

B. make it right Mak-ar-ra - ta Treat-y, make it right

55 A \flat G/B C F/D C F/C C F/D E \flat F/DC

S. Mak-ar - ra - ta Treat-y__ let's make it right__

A. Mak-ar - ra - ta Treat-y__ let's make it right__

T. Mak-ar - ra - ta Treat-y__ let's make it right__

B. Mak-ar - ra - ta Treat-y__ let's make it right__