

**12. Tell Me Your Story** (by Jenny & David Heitler-Klevans, © 2009)

*This song was commissioned by the Camp Hill School District, as a theme song for an Oral History songwriting residency there, in which the students interviewed members of their community and then wrote songs based on these life stories.*

(Chorus:)

Tell me your story, I want to know  
what life was like - so long ago  
Tell me your story, I want to hear  
how things have changed - over the years.

Sitting on the sofa next to Grandpa  
I started asking questions 'bout his life.  
"Did you have T.V. when you were my age?"  
"How did you ask Gram to be your wife?"  
    His voyage to this country was exciting  
    He learned the language, opened up a store.  
    Eyes twinkled when he talked about his children  
    Tears came, when he thought about the war.

(Chorus)

Out around the block, I saw my neighbor  
We started talking 'bout her memories.  
I was amazed at all the things she'd been through  
Her stories' filled with so much history.  
    She grew up in the South with segregation  
    where unfair laws kept blacks away from whites.  
    Her eyes gleamed with fierce determination  
    She never gave up fighting for her rights.

(Chorus)

(Bridge:)  
Some people think that history is boring  
Just endless lists of places, dates and names.  
But history is really people's stories  
The hardships that the finally overcame.

(Chorus)

Tell me your story - I want to know.

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