

The Lady with the Hammer (Shine a Light)

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Florence Nightingale was born to privilege but she saw beyond
A better way that we could help each other make it through.
Wherever you were born whatever work you earn a livin' from,
That woman would stare an army down to get you what you need.

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Collect the data, crunch the numbers, use the information that you find
To make the politicians change the way they make decisions.
Evidence and reasoned thinking, strategies and systems tweaking,
Everything we do could help the many, not the few.

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Sanitation, that's the thing to keep as many people living
Wash your hands and wash your hands and wash your hands again.
Write a letter, send a pair of socks you knitted for a friend,
And take the time to listen when you can.

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Break down the doors of all the stores that hoard the things supplied for all
Redistribute to those who need it more.
And when those greedy, selfish men tell you there's nothing you can do,
Just stand your ground and keep on movin' through.

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