

The 'What's The Problem' Song

Stanza 1:

How do we solve the problem of our pensions?
How can we make retirement years all right?

**(WHAT DO WE DO?)
(ANY IDEAS?)**

The government needs to hear

The path for us now is clear, {SPEAK THESE 3 LINES}

We'll do our part; we'll organize and fight (WE WILL?)

Oh, how do we solve the problem of our pensions?
For us and for our future sisters' sake.

(WE WILL!)

Stanza 2:

How do we solve the problem of our pensions?
How can we make retirement years all right?

**(LETTERS!)
(WE'LL PERSIST)**

Our demands we must speak out

We might even have to shout {SPEAK THESE 3 LINES}

Past and present pensions aren't okay. (CERTAINLY NOT)

Oh, how do we solve the problem of our pensions?

We must have fair, just pensions right away!!!!

(QUEEN'S PARK!)

The Insurance Song

When you're fifty, going on sixty,
Lady, it's time to think,
Better beware, be canny and careful,
Lady, you're on the brink!

I am sixty, heading for seventy,
Good health might not be there.
And if that happens, how will I pay for
Assistance and extra care?

I am seventy, bracing for eighty.
Worry! I can't afford
Hospital visits, home service workers.
What am I going to do?

If aging and illness is our fate

To cope with on our own

We want to stay strong, and confident

Remaining in control.

Enter our sisters, caring and sharing
Added insurance too...ooo
You are sixty, seventy, eighty
RW takes ca..re of you...and you....and you.

Stanza 3:

How do we solve the problem of pay equity?
Why do these men get more and we get less?

**Oh, what do they think of us,
We won't sit at the back of their bus, {SPEAK THESE 3 LINES}
We shall demand our fair and equal pay.**

Oh, we will solve the problem of pay equity,
United we can right this wrong today!

Stanza 4:

How do we solve the problem of our Mat. Leave?
Time with pay is what we all can use.

**While being at home is great
Our teaching career's at stake, {SPEAK THESE 2 LINES}**

Jobs must be there for us when we return, (Eleanor's SOLO)

Oh, we will solve the problem of our Mat. Leave?
This is another right that we will earn.

The "I'm On Leave' Lullaby"

Married now, Baby mine!
I'm so worried, conflicted.

Keep my job, give up my pension?
We deserve time together!

Maternity leave
Would be fair and right,
Pay back the dues for our pension.

Return to our place, NOT in disgrace,
NO longer second class citizens.

Stanza 5:

Now you have heard a bit about our history,
And about the women who led the way

**Once retired life was bleak,
But, now it is pretty sweet. {SPEAK THESE 3 LINES}
Our thanks to them, we give this very day.**

Oh, we can now remember how things once were.
Their efforts gave us what we enjoy today!

Narrator One speaks...ending with "What do YOU remember".

Choir repeats Stanza 5 as the actors exit.