

Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me 'Round (lyrics)

Ain't gonna let nobody turn me 'round,
turn me 'round, turn me 'round,
Ain't gonna let nobody turn me 'round
I'm gonna keep on a walkin', keep on a-talkin',
Marching up to freedom land.

Ain't gonna let Nervous Nelly turn me 'round,
turn me 'round,
Ain't gonna let Nervous Nelly turn me 'round,
I'm gonna keep on a-walkin', keep on a-talkin',
Marching up to freedom land.

Ain't gonna let Chief Pritchett turn me 'round,
turn me 'round,
Ain't gonna let Chief Pritchett turn me 'round,
I'm gonna keep on a-walkin', keep on a-talkin',
Marching up to freedom land.

Ain't gonna let Mayor Kelly turn me 'round,
turn me 'round,
Ain't gonna let Mayor Kelly turn me 'round,
I'm gonna keep on a-walkin', keep on a-talkin',
Marching up to freedom land.

Ain't gonna let segregation turn me 'round,
turn me 'round,
Ain't gonna let segregation turn me 'round,
I'm gonna keep on a-walkin', keep on a-talkin',
Marching up to freedom land.

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