



from Garth...



Recently I was in the studio at GingerDog Records recording some new songs. There will be a CD coming out later in the year - but first of all a 12" single! I haven't done a 12" single since 1986 when I did one called *Litany for Africa*, put out by the Greenbelt Festival, and that was speaking out about the issue of apartheid in South Africa.

I was prompted to do this one when **I was in Banksy's Walled Off Hotel in Bethlehem, where there is a gallery for Palestinian artists, and saw a painting by the**

**superb Palestinian artist Suleiman Mansour. I found the painting so powerful, I said that I would like to put together a song sparked off by this painting** - I thought it could be a 12" vinyl single with the painting on the front cover. I told my good friend Wisam Salsaa, Manager of the Walled Off Hotel, and he phoned Suleiman for his permission, which was kindly given. I then wrote to various Palestinian friends showing them the painting, and asked them for their thoughts. Those thoughts I have reflected in the lyrics. It all came together as this song, **My Name is Palestine.**

I would like to thank those people who responded to me about what the content should be - they are: Naim Ateek, Mitri Raheb, Abdelfattah A Abusrour, Usama Nicola, Zoughbi Zoughbi, Susan Bahroum, and Rasha Salsaa - and special thanks to Wisam for all his help on this project. And of course special thanks also to

Suleiman Mansour for allowing me to use his beautiful and striking painting - very grateful thanks.

The Palestinian Nakba, or Catastrophe, has gone on and on for years, with Palestinians treated always as of lesser value and as if they don't matter. This project is to assert the equality of all people and is a call for justice to come to this community who have suffered so much racism.

**Because of the increasingly desperate nature of the situation in Palestine we wanted the song to be available now - as the 12" vinyl will take three months to manufacture - so you can find the song on YouTube [here](#) - and perhaps you could share it around, put it on your facebook pages, etc.**

We'll let you know when the vinyl single is available - watch this space!



## **My Name Is Palestine**

A voice cries out in the wilderness  
I hear her call - but I don't know her name  
The voice cries again in the wilderness  
My name is Palestine - I will remain

She's holding a flag - so very high  
Raises her voice with such a strong cry  
She's a symbol of a people who refuse to die  
Says "My name is Palestine, I will survive."

Chorus -

I will survive - I will survive  
My name is Palestine - I will survive

I will remain - I will remain  
My name is Palestine - I will remain

The forces of darkness - can't extinguish the flame  
Of the freedom in your eyes and the love you retain  
These are more powerful than the weapons of war  
With their terror and lies - but you bring something more

All across Palestine they've had enough  
Of killing and wounding from Israeli guns  
They want no more occupation, no more siege,  
No more brutality - they just want peace

Chorus -  
I will survive - I will survive  
My name is Palestine - I will survive  
I will remain - I will remain  
My name is Palestine - I will remain

Make a road in the desert - for a new dawn to come  
Make a road in the desert for equality to bloom  
Make a road in the desert for human rights to come  
Make a road in the desert... for freedom to come

It's a place they've tried to make disappear  
It's a people they've tried to make you fear  
But the welcome they give you - always means  
Palestine gets under your skin

Chorus -  
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My name is Palestine - I will survive  
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The sections in the song that talk about "Make a road in the desert" have been sparked off by Isaiah 40:3-5, where the unevenness of injustice is made a level plain of hope, and the glory of the Lord is revealed because justice and equality have become visible.

This is a call to God's community to be those who help bring this about.



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